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Labour accuses Major after tycoon who lent cash to party is honoured

Fury over 'cash for knighthood'

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

John Major was facing a polit-ical furore over his New Year's Honours list today after the millionaire tycoon who lent the Tory party £4m was listed among the knighthoods.

Graham Kirkham, chief of the DFS furniture chain, also took £5.533,037 of his £10m salary for the year ending August 1993 in antiques and works of art, so that the company saved £500,000 in employers' National Insurance.

Today's knighthood comes in recognition of Sir Graham's charitable services to the Duke of Edinburgh's award and the Animal Health Trust, but was immediately condemned by Labour who claimed it was the crudest instance yet of using the honours system to reward gen-

erosity to the Tory party.

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, said: "Whatever the official reason, this seems like the crudest example yet of honours being given for finan-cial services received by the Tory

caster furniture shop salesman more than 35 years ago, Sir Graham has gone on to became one of the top 50 richest men in

His entrepreneurial talents all through the Thatcher years led him to amass a multi-million pound personal fortune from which he was able to lend a cash-strapped Conservative Central Office a £4m threemonth loan in January after John Major went to meet him at his Yorkshire estate where he houses his art treasures.

With all interest on the money going permanently to the party, the gesture was one of the largest personal contributions ever made to a British political party. It came at a time when



Sir Graham Kirkham: loaned cash-strapped Tories £4m

the party's principal banker, the Royal Bank of Scotland, was becoming increasingly concerned over its overdraft - then about £16m - and cutbacks in company donations.

The disclosure that when still a privately-owned company DFS had paid Sir Graham partly in paintings and furniture, saving £500,000 in National Insurance contributions, came afthe stock market and so obliged to publish annual reports.

While Sir Graham and his company had done nothing illegal at the time, the episode provoked Labour charges that the Conservative Party had accepted money from a man Labour claimed had not paid his fair share of taxes to the

Downing Street insisted last night that Sir Graham's links with the Conservative Party had nothing whatever to do with his nomination for the knighthood, and he was said not to

> The Honours List in full, pages 6,7

have been nominated by the

"The citation [in the Honours' list] is quite clear," a Downing Street source said. "He was not given this award for political services. He was given it for charitable services."

The row is an embarrassment to the Prime Minister in the wake of his efforts over recent years to create a more "classless" honours system that reflected a wider spectrum of society and gave more recognition to community work.

Approaching 40 per cent of this year's list, from holders of the humble MBE up to knighthoods, had received the backing of members of the public writing into Downing Street.
Although Number 10

declined to be drawn on how many honours resulted solely from public nominations, it said that about 400 names on the Prime Minister's 1,036-strong list had been picked specifically for voluntary and community service.

However, Mr Prescott said: "So much for John Major's claim that his honours system Frankly, this award must by the cause of some serious con-

Labour stuck to its longstanding convention of not putting forward political nominations for honours, and a spokeswoman said yesterday that that stance would continue under a Labour govern-

The affair is bound to revive complaints over Conservativesympathising businessmen ap-parently being rewarded with honours for making donations to the party's funds. It will also refuel calls for Lord Nolan's Committee on Standards in Public Life to undertake a thorough examination of party political funding.



lappy Goodyear' tops the pops

REBECCA FOWLER

New Year honours are bestowed today on the former Coronation Street actress Julie Goodyear, the agony aunt Clare Rayner and the Liverpool footballer Ian Rush in one of the most populist selections in

Ms Goodyear, who recently resigned as landlady of the Rovers Return, was celebrating her appointment as an MBE with pink champagne yesterday at her local hotel near Rochdale, after arriving in a gold Rolls-Royce and buying drinks for the house. "This is one of the most memorable and proudest moments of my life." the team and European golf in general, and I'd like to think this

she said. "I am a very happy Rush, 34, one of 10 children from Flint, North Wales, said of his MBE: "It's a great feeling for

both myself and my family ... It's a great start to the new year ... This gives me an extra boost and

Colleagues from the world of sport who also receive awards include Shaun Edwards, the England rugby league captain (OBE), Jonathan Edwards, the world triple-jump record-holder who will receive an MBE, and Bernard Gallacher, the golfer, also appointed an OBE. "It's been a tremendous year for me,

honour reflects that," he said. Beryl Cook, famous for her paintings of fat ladies in stockings, is appointed an OBE: Clare Rayner gets an MBE and the pop singer Elion John becomes a CBE.

Chris Bonington, 61, the mountaineer, is given a knighthood, as is the impresario Cameron Mackintosh and Stanley Kalms, head of the Dixons store chain. I'm delighted, he who waits gets his reward." said Sir Stanley, 64, who started work at 16 when he took charge of his father's photographic shop in London. "This gives me

new energy to carry on. The armed forces are acknowledged, with a knighthood for Lt-Gen Rupert Smith, the former United Nations commander in Bosnia, and a host of

awards for organisers of VE Day. celebrations in May. According to Downing Street. 40 per cent of the list was nominated by the public across all levels from MBEs to knighthoods, and 400 awards were made specifically for voluntary work. One-third of the awards have been given to women.

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REAR VIEW A brief history of bottoms

ASTROLOGY Why we should take it seriously

Take a car and five to France for £10

Ten are stabbed in supermarket attack

IAN Mackinnon

Police were last night questioning a 24-year-old supermarket worker after he ran amok in the aisles of the store with three knives, and stabbed 10 people. The man, who had just

started his shift as a part-time shelf-stacker at the south Birmingham store, was chased from the premises by a security guard and the father of a 13-year-old how injured in the chaos. But as they confronted the Asian shop stant near the shop in Bordesley Green, two police officers disarmed him using batons.

IN BRIEF

Woman's body found Detectives searching for a miss-

ning to travel to Worcester last

night to examine a body found

First Division clubs failed to car-

ty out a threatened mass walk-

out from the Football League

after failing to win a greater say in league affairs. Page 23

Pomography crackdown

A global crackdown on pornog-raphy on the Internet looks like-

iv, after a firm out off 4 million

Football threat fails

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Five people, four of them with serious injuries, were last night being detained at two city hospitals after undergoing

The attack comes almost exactly a year after another man, David Morgan, went on the rampage with a knife in a Birmingham department store, wounding 10 women.

It also follows heightened concern over criminals use of knives after the murder of Philip Lawrence, the headmaster stabbed to death while going to the aid of a pupil out-side his north London school on

Fresh snowfalls sweeping in

from the Atlantic are set to

bring a bitter chill to large

But while motoring organi-sations were warning drivers to

think twice about their travel

plans, airports were preparing

for an exodus by thousands of

travellers escaping the cold.

After one of the coldest

Christmases on record, the London Weather Centre said

little of Britain was likely to

swathes of Britain today.

LOUISE JURY

Outrage over the murder prompted the 43 police forces in England and Wales to declare a month-long amnesty for those surrendering knives to police

day's attacker had obtained his weapons - a four-inch Bowie knife, a Swiss Army knife and a Stanley knife - which were recovered by police as he was seized. Only two of the knives were used in the attack at the Netto supermarket which flared shortly after 12.15pm as the man began packing shelves at the store where he had worked for 10 months.

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front moved northwards through the South-west, South-

were set to make it a raw holi-

day Saturday with the wind-chill

factor leaving the country feel-

ing 10 degrees colder than real

er Centre spokeswoman said a warmer southerly wind would

bring milder conditions to the

majority of England by tomor-

However, a London Weath-

Bitter south-easterly winds

east and Wales.

temperatures.

Chief Inspector Eric Noble, leading the inquiry, said that the violence was sparked by a row between the man and his colleagues, though shoppers became involved.

Moments later the man went It was unclear where vesterberserk, walking through the crowded store with his arms above his head, holding the knives aloft. Screaming shoppers ran for cover as he walked along the aisles stabbing at people in his

One of the victims, Mark Edwards, 15, from King's Heath,

Fresh snowfalls to sweep in from Atlantic

By New Year's Day temper-atures, which have hovered at

zero over the holiday period, are

set to rise to 10C in the far west of England, 5-7C for mid-England and 3C in the North.

Glasgow airport was the cold-

est place in Britain at mi-nus18.7C yesterday, only

marginally warmer than its

worst ever night earlier this week. The Shetland Isles, where

a mild thaw began yesterday, could suffer fresh blizzards.

The AA motoring organisa

Scotland will remain cold.

from a back wound, told how he had gone into the store with his parents and 9-year-old sister

"I could hear a commotion and I thought it was a shoplifter." he said. "Everyone started to head towards the exits and then I saw a man running down with two knives in his

"He was just jabbing and stubbing with the knives as he came by. My sister was standing still and he was going towards her. So I grabbed her and just pushed her through the exit.

batteries and frozen engines.

Thursday was its second busiest

day on record, and it has dealt

with 66,000 calls in the last three

days compared with a typical

13,000 a day. Most main routes

were clear, although black ice

ly unaffected by the weather

apart from Scotland where

ScotRail has suffered serious

disruption and 100 "snow men"

have been out checking points

Year with few problems, More

Airports expect a record New

are not frozen over.

Travel by rail has been large-

was a risk.

punched in the back." Only outside did his father see the blood and drive him to hospital.

In all six men, one aged 65, two women, and two boys of 13 and 15 were injured. A 41year-old shop assistant with three stab wounds, two to her back and one to her arm, was flown by helicopter to Selly Oak hospital in the city and was said last night to be stable.

The other victims were taken to Heartland's hospital where three were found to have serious injuries. A man of 35 and a woman of forty both had Birmingham, speaking from his hospital bed as he recovered and then felt like I had been suffered stomach injuries.

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January, joining a seasonal exodus 4 per cent higher than last year. Around 1.75 million

have flown since 21 December.

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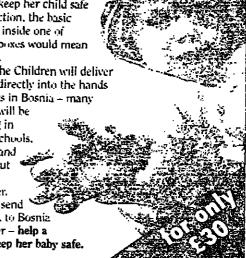
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Kashmir hostages 'are still alive'

MUKHTAR AHMED

Four Western tourists who have been held hostage by Muslim militants in Kashmir for nearly six months are alive and were seen by villagers in South Kashmir two days before Christmas, according to police sources in the Indian-controlled

The four, including two Britons, Keith Mangan and Paul Wells, were spotted wear-ing Kashmiri robes at the village

Hotel

lounge

explosion

injures

of Hakura Bursgam in the southern Anantnag district on 23 December, "They were in good health. This is good news. we were concerned about their fate," a police source said. We heaved a sigh of relief."

Fears for the safety of the hostages, who were captured by the Al-Faran militant group while biking in the footbills of the Himalayas, rose after a gun battle on 4 December in which four leading members of Al-Faran, including its chief commander, Abdul Hamid Turki.

were killed by Indian forces. Al-Faran later claimed that three still alive. Police sources said of the tourists were "taken away" by the Indian army and that the fourth was "missing".

For most of the past six months the Indian authorities have been aware of the gener-al whereabouts of the Western hostages, but have avoided any rescue attempt that might have resulted in their deaths. The Indians admit that Al-Faran managed to smuggle the captives away after the gun battle. Last weekend's sighting was the first

that strict instructions had been issued to the security forces not to engage the abductors in any

further encounters. The police sources added that a new band of heavily-armed Al-Faran members, led by a foreign militant named Mohammad Ali, is now guarding the four tourists. The group has hi-tech field radio sets, but is much smaller than before: more than 100 captors had previously accompanied the 30 to 40 at Hakura Bursgam.

The seizure of foreign hostages has divided the militants fighting New Delhi's control of Kashmir, the only Muslim-majority state in India. Mainstream groups have called on Al-Faran, a previously littleknown movement which India claims is controlled and fin-anced by Pakistan, to free the four Westerners.

"Al-Faran is becoming isolated from other groups in Kashmir over the continued

captivity of the four tourists," said one official. "We have reports that they want to release them unharmed soon. We will redouble our efforts to seek

their early release. Other sources admitted, however, that despite its best efforts, the government has failed to establish direct or indirect contact with Al-Faran. During the last negotiations, the ab-ductors demanded the release of 15 jailed militants, including two senior commanders held in a New Delhi jail, but the Indian

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venated, more extreme Right".

"1996 is the year to start

government refuses to make any

British, American and German diplomats waiting in Srinagar have had no recent contact with Al-Faran, according to officials. They tried through various influential locals, but without success," said one diplomat. "We have no information about the Christmas gifts and greeting cards sent to the tourists. We had lost track of them. But now the good news is that they are safe, and still with Al-Faran."

INBRIEF Man held on Italian murder charge

An Italian who has lived for the past two years in Surrey has been arrested and is awaiting extradition for a murder com-

mitted nearly two decades ago. The trail to Enrico Mariotti. 55, of Walkington, Surrey, ended when he was arrested at Gatwick airport on Christmas Eve after he dropped off his wife to catch a flight to Rome. Sentenced to 25 years' jail in Italy in his absence, he has been remanded until 3 January for involvement in the murder of Count Massimiliano Grazioli between November 1977

oli between November 1977 and March 1978.

Mariotti allegedly befriended the 66-year-old count's son and then used the friendship to arrange for the kidnapping of the aristocrat with a local gang boss. The family handed over a ransom of £750,000, but the and Mariotti was later named as the killer and fled.

Spring joins attack

Dick Spring, Ireland's deputy prime minister and foreign minister, joined calls for Sinn Fein to condemn terrorist-linked halings in Belfast. He said the recent shootings - claimed to have been carried out by an antidrugs group with IRA connections. tions-were a worrying feature in the whole content of the Northern Ireland peace

Police stepped up their search for Louise Smith, 18, missing

Detectives investigating the

student who disappeared at a motorway service station on the M4 in Berkshire 10 days ago. She had been travelling to, spend Christmas with her cousin, who works at a hotel in Fordingbridge Hampshire She was last seen accepting a life from a long driver who despite repeated public appears for information, has still not been

Earlier this week her father. Bernard, a-44-year-old farmer, travelled from their home in Ferrieres-Les-Scey, south-east of Paris, to make an emotional appeal for help in finding his daughter.

A spokesman for Hampshire police said yesterday: "West Mercia police have been in touch and we are trying to establish whether the body is that of Celine."

He added there was nothing vet to indicate whether the Profile of the year, page 12 | dead woman was Celine or not.

may be missing **Celine**

MATTHEW BRACE

Detectives hunting for the miss-ing French student Celine Figard were planning to travel to Worcester last night to examine the body of a young woman found in a lay-by. The woman, thought to be in

her early twenties, was found by a motorist at Hawford on the A449 near Worcester, West Mercia police said.

A spokesman confirmed that the body was naked and no clothes had been discovered near by, although he said it was too early to say how long the body had lain in the wooded area near the lay-by, or how the woman had died.

"We are still trying to estab-lish the identity of the dead woman," he said. "We're treating this as a suspicious death. although it's a murder-scale

inquiry."
A Home Office pathologist was due to conduct a postmortem examination last night. More than 100 detectives have been searching for the 19year-old French accountancy

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Body in lay-by

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since leaving a party in Yate, Somerset, early on Christmas Day. A former boylnend said he thought be saw her gutting into a blue Ford Fiesta car driven by a girlfriend but no trace has been found of the car of driver.

Woman's beating

attempted murder of a woman who ran an escort agency from her home appealed for information about a man seen running across gardens and discarding clothing. Ann Fidler, 43, was given a 50-50 chance of survival, 48 hours after being beaten in her house at Eastleigh, Hampshire.

Pub bomb find

An incendiary bomb was defused in a pub close to the centre of Belfast. The device, found in a cigarette packet under a carpet, had failed to go off.

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pital vesterday after an explo-

in the Scottish Highlands, early yesterday afternoon, and is thought to have destroyed the lounge bar, where several people were drinking.

Northern Constabulary said one casualty was airlifted by an ambulance helicopter to Raigmore Hospital, Inverness.

Another four people were

taken in a fleet of ambulances by road to the same hospital. A police spokesman said that it was still too early to assess the extent of their injuries. One woman who works in the

Mains Hotel, close to the Braeriach, said: "It must have been a huge explosion because all the windows have been blown out and there is a real mess on the street. There were fire engines and

ambulances everywhere. I think some people were hadly hurt because the helicopter took them away. The traffic is being diverted away from the street. Highlands and Islands Fire Brigade said that two units and

tonmore had attended the seene and had tackled a "minor" fire which broke out after the explosion. It is thought that the blast

a voluntary team from New-

ing boiler; but police said it was too early to identify the source. The police spokesman said: The cause of the explosion is still not clear, but would appear

to involve the boiler." Newtonmore, off the A9 south of Inverness, is a popular town with New Year revellers. Local people said the Braeriach was one of the main hotels in the area.

Police said later there had been five people injured, not nine as previously believed. The man flown from the scene to Raigmore Hospital, Inverness was also described as stable and comfortable.

Blast scene: Firefighters at the hotel in the Highlands where an explosion injured five people yesterday Blair plans 'meet the people' tours

DONALD MACINTYRE

Tony Blair, planning to embark on a wide-ranging series of "meet the people tours" after the New Year, yesterday promised that Labour was ready to fight - and if possible precipitate - a general election in 1990.

The Labour leader made it clear that the party would be preparing for an election this vear because it was difficult to see how the Government which faces a likely majority of just three after two forthcoming by-elections - could continue. He added in an ITN interview: "If we can bring

can bring the Government down, and the country can dedirection, then of course we will

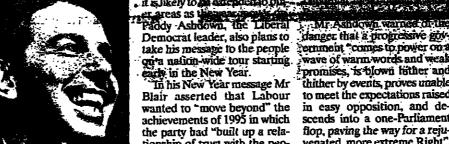
take it." he said. Mr Blair's remarks came as he issued a New Year message promising that the Labour front bench would be taking the party's policy agenda "to every part of the country so that the people may test us, so that their views can inform ours, and inform the policy ideas we develop and promote".

The Labour leader is planning to meet the public as he did party members during the campaign to change Clause IV carlier in the year and he has subsequently met thousands of about a situation in which we leading businessmen in en- and teachers intended to explain



Tony Blair: ready for polls counters designed to remove

victory. to start with meetings of parents



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their potential fears of a Labour The programme is expected

ple," by forming a "genuine partnership with the people". building a new contract of trust He said: "We have developed a between politicians and people, not on the candy floss of cosy distinctive, new and radical political agenda for Britain which promises, but on the basis of sharing hard facts and explainbreaks through traditional diing difficult choices," he said. viding lines of left and right." Meanwhile in his New Year Prison doctors allowed

Ms Wool urges doctors to prescribe condoms to any per-son they feel is at risk of catching HIV. In practice this means that any prisoners engaging in homosexual sex can be given free condoms.

tradict earlier policy.

DANNY PENMAN 🚉

The Prison Service has decided that condoms can be issued to convicts to try to combat the spread of HIV and Aids, ac-

cording to a confidential letter seen by the *Independent*.

Successive Conservative gov-

ernments have opposed the

distribution of condons for

fear of appearing to endorse

homosexual activity, but the

letter, from Rosemary Wool, Di-rector of Health Care for the

Prison Medical Service, to

prison doctors, appears to con-

Ms Wool says in the letter: servative chairman of the Home doms, through that prison doctors are free, in Affairs Select Committee, said: duty of care.

there's not going to be a freefor-all," he said.
The shift in policy was welcomed yesterday by gay rights groups, prison reform organi-sations and Labour and Con-

servative MPs

Stephen Shaw, spokesman for the Prison Reform Trust, described it as "marvellous news". He said: "This allows prisoners the same level of protection that the Government has spent mil-

Sir Ivan Lawrence, the Con-

the exercise of their clinical states in the high a moral judgement, to prescribe only states you could end up with doms for individual patients. Stream Ands. I do not think A spokesman for the Prison Service denied there had been tries for taking the action they say the property of the Prison Service denied there had been tries for taking the action they are the property of the any change of policy. "Roces of deem to be necessary, condoms are not going to be lack Straw, shadow Home dumped on each wang and Secretary, said the move was jus-

tified "on the grounds of public health". The Government has previously opposed the advice given by doctors and members of the prison service. The policy shift. has apparently been allowed tol-

lowing fresh legal advice. The 1967 Sexual Offences Act pro-hibits homosexual activity in a public place. The Home Office has always maintained that a prison cell is a public place. lions of pounds trying to per Ms Wool says in the letter-suade the rest of the population — The burden of our legal advice.

is in fact that there may be a legal risk in not providing con-doms through a failure in the

investigate watchdogs Nolan may

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

Privatised industry regulators may be the next target for the Committee on Standards in Public Life, its chairman Lord

Nolan said yesterday.
The committee will consider whether to mount the investi-gation after it has concluded its current inquiry into local pubwell may. I wouldn't like to go further at the moment," Lord

erence of his committee.

over Peter Davis, the National Lottery regulator, who was at-tacked for accepting free flights from a major backer of the lottery operator Camelot against advice from the Department of

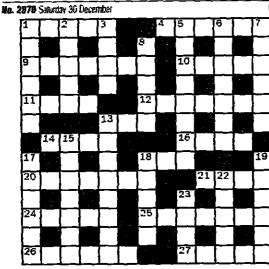
National Heritage. been made over the current case

would be within the terms of ref- the regulators and to whom they are accountable.
"I've no doubt-we will be con-Calls for an investigation. Two no doubt we will be con-came in the wake of the row sidering whether we should at

A source close to the committee confirmed a would stickto its convention of not revisiting individual cases, but there were issues for examination.

Interviewed on BBC Radio chade the degree of account-4's *Today* programme, Lord shiftly between the watchdogs. Notan said: The suggestion has and the Government, and the kinds of action available when

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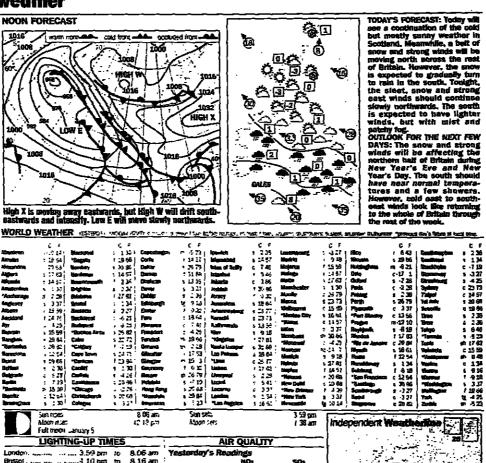
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Death on the lake: As the freeze shows no sign of abating, fireman's widow tells of the heroism that ended in tragedy

Wife pays tribute to a brave man who died helping others

WILL BENNETT

The widow of Michael Mee, the off-duty fireman who died while trying to rescue a girl from a frozen lake, yesterday described her horror as she watched him

disappear under the icy waters. Elizabeth Mee said her husband was "a wonderful, brave man who devoted his life to helping others". The couple ter, Katy, when the tragedy oc-curred at Hemsworth Water Park, Kinsley, West Yorkshire,

on Thursday.
Mee, 48, fellow rescuer Jack Crawshaw, 51, and Tracey Patterson, II, who had fallen through the ice while trying to rescue a dog, all died after medical teams spent more than five

Mrs Mee. 46, said her husband, who had been a fireman for 26 years, ran to help as soon had fallen into the water.

She said: "He sprinted round the lake, telling me and Katy to dial 999. The next thing I knew, Mike was on the ice trying to reach the little girl." At about the same time Crawshaw also plunged into the lake to try to save Tracey.

"Katy and I ran up and just kept shouting to Mike to try and support him, but he didn't have a chance. He had nothing to get hold of," said Mrs Mee, who also has a 17-year-old son. Christopher,

"The girl and the other man went underneath first, and then Mike disappeared. After that



were all gone by the time the firemen arrived." Katy, a student at Durham University. said: "I have lost a brave and

Both Mee, from South Hiendley, near Barnsley, and Crawshaw may be recommended for posthumous gal-lantry awards by West Yorkshire

Both the Government and the Royal Humane Society could

Tribute: Carly Glover, left, lays flowers and a teddy in memory of classmate Tracey, right Police, although a spokesman said yesterday that no definite decision had yet been made.

award medals for the rescue at-

with his brother, Ian. in Wrenthorpe. Wakefield, and used to run a corner shop which adjoined their house. Ian said: "I am tembly upset. I have been up all night. I just cannot believe it. I am proud of my brother and what he did. I don't think of him as a hero, he was just the type of person who would do what was expected."

Gareth Easton, 11, a schoolfriend of Tracey's, said: "It doesn't surprise me she went af-ter the dog. She just would not have been able to watch it drown because she adored them. What surprised me was how easily she was able to get into the water. You think they would have fences up.

His sister Sheryl, 17, who used to help Tracey with her homework when she brought it back from West End Middle School in Hemsworth, added: There should be wiring all the way round that lake. I am not surprised this has hap-

"There is so much vandalism round there it is dangerous. When winter comes they should put fences round the place and close it down because this was a tragedy that was just waiting to happen."

Meanwhile, council officials revealed that as the tragedy unfolded, youngsters risked their lives by playing on another away. Staff pleaded with them to get off the dangerously thin

Chris Geeson, clerk to Hemsworth council, which is reviewing safety measures at the park, said: "While they were dragging bodies out of the big lake, kids were on the ice on the

smaller lake.
They must have known what had happened but, when they were asked to keep off the ice. we just got abuse from them. It's very difficult to stop them.

*This is a first-class leisure facility that attracts around 75,000 people a year and we are constantly reviewing our safety policies. There are already plenty of signs up with lots of Don'ts on them and quite frankly while the majority of people adhere to them a small minority don't. It svery difficult to stop that."

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Crisis as homeless sent back on streets

NICHOLAS TIMMINS

Four hundred homeless people will today leave London's emergency Christmas shelter despite the continuing bitter cold. The homeless charity Crisis said the shelter had to close, but the Government agreed to fund an extra 100 places until

At the same time Lothian social services opened an extra 13 beds in Edinburgh following the death on Wednesday on the streets of Bathgate of John Murohy, 54, a homeless man.

The Department of the Environment's action came as Crihad slept at its emergency shelter in Wandsworth, south-west days before Christmas and as the Resource Information Service, which co-ordinates hostel

'very high". Crisis said that its Christmas was staffed entirely by volunteers. They have to go back to work and it is just not feasible to keep it open," a spokes-woman said. Of those who have used the shelter, perhaps 200

while the extra beds - 30 of which Crisis will provide at a centre in London's East End would help, the situation remained alarming. "When the weather is like this, you have the risk of people dying on the streets from cold. It is fright-

said it bad already opened 28 but maintained that not all of them had been taken up over light of the weather on Tuesday when day-centres and other services for the homeless will re-

Liz Nicholson, director of the London, since it opened two charity for the homeless Shelter in Scotland, said that Mr Murphy's death was "just waiting to happen. I don't know how

cial work for Lothian and Edshelter had to close because it inburgh, said the decision to open extra beds had been taken in light of the weather and before the details of Mr Murphy's death were known.

As of yesterday there had been five applications for the places, but he said: "It is the case

ening".

the Christmas period. It would review the position again in the sis said that 400 people a night sume normal service after the

places in the capital, said that anybody can survive -19C ... [as] demand for beds had been it was in Edinburgh last night. Les McEwan, director of so-

that some people choose not to go to hostels, however much we might want ... them to do so." Some preferred, he said, to remain outside despite the cold.

side recorded England's low of

Manchester reached -12C, while an unmanned weather sta-tion in Leconfield in Humber-

ever recorded in England was -26.1C at Newport, Shropshire, on 10 January, 1982. The lowest in Scotland was -27.2C at Braemar on the same date.

An 87-year-old man is feared to have fallen victim to the cold. He was found collapsed near

-15C. The coldest temperature sheltered housing in Edinburgh where he was thought to be a resident.

A family stranded by ice on an isolated island in Ulster's Lough Neagh was airlifted to safety by the RAF as their food and fuel supplies dwindled. Mel Downey, warden of the

National Trust-owned Coney Is-slipped on the island's jetty relatives in England for the land, had made a number of attempts since Christmas to get to shore but could not break

boats were also unable to get through. His family's problems multiplied when his wife. Julia.

through the ice. Lough rescue

and suffered extensive bruising to her ribs.

After her rescue today she was taken to hospital for X-rays. Mrs Downey said: Normally we keep a good supply of food and fuel on the is-land but we had planned to visit new year and had allowed the

stocks to run down. "Then the snow and ice arrived, adding to our problems. When the helicopter arrived we were down to our last bag of coal and the generator was starting to run down.



In Russia, only the dogs and drunks are in peril

Every winter, the cold weather takes Britain by surprise. Even in post-Soviet Russia, when the full ferocity of the Russian win-ter strikes in Moscow, only the drunks and the dogs have anything to fear. Public transport runs normally and, however poor, people make sure that their homes are well-heated.

In Ottawa, 40 inches of snow has fallen in the past few weeks. This is the amount that the Canadian capital normally expects in an entire winter, but not a single aircraft has been delayed out of the city's airport. The contrast is vivid between

countries which regard snow and ice as an inevitable part of winter, and Britain, where winter is treated as an extraordinary act of God. In Russia, ramshackle as it is,

roads and even main footpaths are salted every time there is a

Britain lags behind in dealing with the onset of winter, writes Will Bennett

ties of salt applied cause problems for dogs, which suffer from sore paws as a result. Some services are not what

they were in Soviet times, especially in smaller cities where not all roads are kept clear, and in Moscow one cut in government spending has led to the deaths of 250 people in the past two months. All were drunk, and in the past they would have been picked up by trucks, no longer operating, scouring the Russian capital to prevent them falling victim to the sub-zero temperatures. In Canada, dealing with the winter has become an art.

Ottawa airport has a fleet of snowploughs, four or five of

trucks with revolving brooms. On the railways, heat switches

prevent points failures. Even countries closer to home are more prepared than Britain for snow and ice. The Dutch government has invested huge sums in making sure that it has railway rolling stock that can withstand the fiercest it does have a problem with some of its newest roads which are made of a water-absorbent

material that also sucks up salt. But Britain can take comfort that even the best-prepared Aloine nations can be caught out. Last month much of Austria ground to a halt amid an unexpectedly early - and heavy are salted every time there is a which clear runways operating snowfall, which caught moIf the cold spell is prolonged, fresh fall of snow. The quantiin a wing formation followed by torists driving on summer tyres. the the lottery and lack of bet-

Bookies' profits are put on ice

Losing streaks are nothing new for betting shops, but they are the punter's. As 1995 draws to a frostbound close, however, Britain's bookmakers are counting the cost after their worst run of misfortune since betting shops were legalised almost 35

With Britain's racecourses frozen solid the industry estimates that turnover of £50m was lost on Boxing Day alone, and as much again on the three blank days since.

Nor does their luck show much sign of turning. Betting turnover has dropped significantly in the face of competition from the National Lottery, but the Department of National Heritage denied yesterday that it had any plans to allow bookmakers to take bets on the lottery's winning numbers.

If the cold spell is prolonged.

ting turnover could put bookmakers out of business. Even the bookies' sole cause

for celebration in 1995, a reduction in betting duty, was seen as too little, too late, "It wasn't enough and it was only because the lottery was devastating us that we got it." Tom Kelly, of the Betting Office Licensees Association, said yesterday.

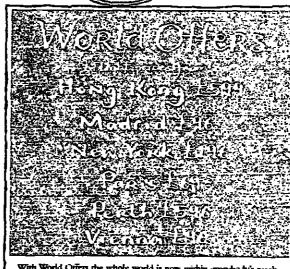
British backers can bet on the Irish state lottery numbers at branches of William Hill, but bets on Camelot's numbers are banned due to fears that lottery turnover will be affected. For picking three numbers out of six, bookies might pay out at 55-1 rather than the 9-1 returned by

the lottery.

The industry's bad luck is set to continue this weekend as two all-weather meetings at Wolverhampton are in doubt because low temperatures are causing the course's Fibresand particles to stick together.

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Where is everybody?



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New Year rolls round a second too late

TOM WILKIE

Before the Scots set out in the dying moments of Hogmansy to "first foot" their neighbours as the bells ring in the New Year, they will have to pause for a secand - exactly a second.

Although it may not seem likely to anyone who has already been at the festive drams, the earth is spinning round more slowly than it should with the result that the year is taking

longer to go by. Scientists have decided that "leap second" should be added to the national timescale at 7pm on New Year's Eve.

delaying the start of 1996 by one

The "Greenwich" Time Signal to mark the transition be-tween 1995 and 1996 will be exceptional, in that it will contain six instead of the usual five short pips before the start of the

long pip which marks the hour. The leap second is being in-serted into national timescales at the same instant world-wide. so the Japanese will enjoy their extra second at 9am on their New Year's Day while New Yorkers will get theirs even before the old year has finished,

For this extra second of their festivities, the Scots can thank the French, for the decision to change our time has been made by the Paris-based International Earth Rotation Service. Researchers there time the rotation of the earth against hy-per-accurate "atomic" clocks

and, if the earth gets out of step with the regularity of the atom-ic world, they dictate that leap seconds should be inserted (or. sometimes, subtracted) from the time that the rest of us keep. The sad truth is that Greenwich Mean Time is no more.

Whether we know it or not, we

followed a decision five years earlier that a second of time should be defined in terms of

the vibration of caesium atoms. Time according to this atomic clock can be measured to an accuracy better than one second in 300,000 years and it was not long before researchers detected discrepancies between "old" Universal Time, defined in terms of the rotation of the

earth, and atomic seconds. Tidal 'friction' from the effects of the gravitational pull of have been setting our watches the sun and the moon, com- in 1972.

by Co-ordinated Universal bined with internal inhomogeneities of the earth's composition, mean that it can speed up geneities of the earth's compo-sition, mean that it can speed up or slow down in its rotation. For as long as a second was defined in terms of the earth's rotation. these fluctuations, although detectable, were inherently measurable but they showed up against the better-than-metronomic atomic clocks. A reconciliation was needed and UTC was the result.

> Since the switch to UTC, the earth has proved pretty errat-ic. The end-1995 leap second will be the twentieth since Coordinated Universal Time began

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Worldwide crackdown on Internet pornography

a legal challenge.

research company.

speeders?" asked one user.

le re in uncharted waters.

are being examined.

The German prosecutor's investigation follows a law

passed in 1994 which made it il-

legal to possess pornography involving children. The office is

also studying "revisionist" claims about Nazi death camps

on the Internet. In Germany it

is that the Internet has no cen-

the Holocaust

is an offence to deny the fact of

The problem for police forces

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Correspondent

A global crackdown on pornography on the Internet looks likely after the US-based online information provider Compu-Serve, cut off access to its 4 million members to more than 200 Internet "newsgroups".

most sex-oriented. The move follows an inves-tigation by the German prosecutor's office which suspects some "newsgroups" are used for passing child pornography. CompuServe said it cut off groups identified "as illegal un-der German criminal law".

A similar restriction is likely in the US next year when the Communications Decency Act



CompuServe: Cut off user access to 200 newsgroups

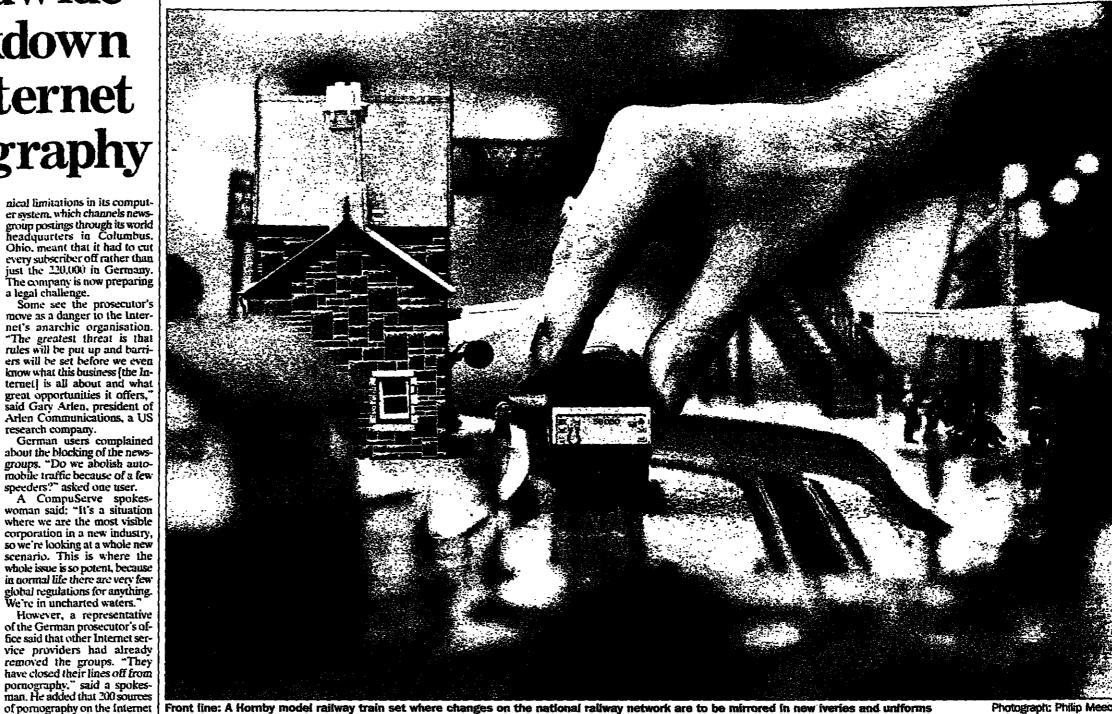
becomes law. A CompuServe

spokeswoman said the compa-ny would comply with US law. Newsgroups are message boards, organised loosely by topic, where Internet users can post comments, pictures and stories, and reply to other users' posts. There are about 19,000

world-wide. The case is the first time a country has tried to ban Internet newsgroups wholesale. Companies that offer Internet access usually avoid censoring the availability of newsgroups on the basis of content, arguing that to do so would make them responsible for the content of any newsgroup they did carry. They argue that they should instead be allowed to operate like

CompuServe said that tech- thousands of books a day.

Changing trains: The new regional networks create a market for revamped railway models



Front line: A Hornby model railway train set where changes on the national railway network are to be mirrored in new iveries and uniforms

Privatisation signals rise in stock for Hornby

MATTHEW BRACE

The Government's railway reshuffle might be causing headaches in the industry and concern among passengers, but a phone company, transmittral control and the volume of ting data without examining it. information traffic is equal to running the country's other repainting logos, liveries and

railways since the 1920s - it means big business.

Hornby's commitment to I rail network. For Hornby Hob- even uniforms worn by model

with new designs. Most of its scaled-down

rolling stock is decorated with miniaturising accurately the British Rail insignia which national rail system means it model railway buffs will be faces the daunting task of quick to point out - will soon be out of date if the Government's plans go ahead and the lines are sold off.

Homby's marketing manag-er, Simon Kohler, believes privatisation will mean more sales for the company as enthusiasts rush to buy the repainted versions of existing locos and carriages. "The more the merrier. I think about this every morning when I listen to the news and all I can see is bonuses for Hornby," he said.

"When these locos were introduced they tended to be in one colour. The class 58 for

bies Ld - the maker of model stationmasters to keep in step example, for hauling coal trains, was a drab grey. Then they painted them a gorgeous blue with silver and people said, Wow, I want another one."

The repainting of these freight locos signalled the start freight locos signalled the start were all painted in. I just of Hornby's privatisation couldn't stand it, so this is a process. Now privatisation of essenger services looks certain. the company is watching and waiting for the first new livery

It will take about five months to copy a new livery and get the repainted range into the shops. So, if Stagecoach, the bus company that won the franchise for South-west Trains last week, begins running services on schedule in April 1996, then scaled-down versions of its trains should be on sale in time for next Christmas.

el Railway Enthusiast magazine, will be at the front of the queue. "I'll be there," he said. I used to hate the rail blue, as they called it, that the trains

good opportunity to get some new stock with some better designs. It's also exciting because this is the first time a change of this scale has occurred since the old big four rail companies were nationalised."

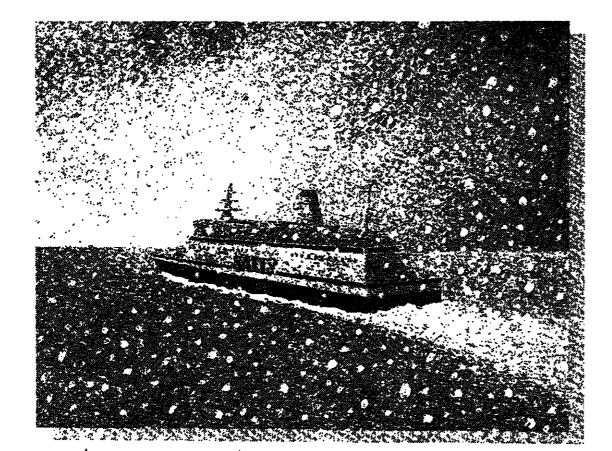
Mr Kohler hopes Hornby's good relationship with the rail authorities will mean it can get sneak previews of new liveries to speed up the programme of nge. "After all it's advertising for the companies too," he said. Through us, the Stage-coach liveries in the South, for

David Jinks, editor of Modexample, will also be seen in Scotland."

Hornby's current prices (between £14 and £45 for diesel locos and £60 for steam) are unlikely to change after privatisation, despite the risk that it might have to pay the passenger services a registration fee for the use of their new logos. It has already had to pay some private freight companies for the

Rail privatisation will also almost certainly signal the widespread phasing out of the British Rail uniform and the donning of new private outlits. Miniature station masters and guards will have to follow suit. By this time next year mod el railways could look as dif-

ferent as their full-size



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Dieters see slim hope in drug

DANNY PENMAN

A drug which deceives people into thinking they have just eaten could soon take the pain out of dieting, according to researchers at Liverpool Uni-

ered the body's way of trigger-ing hunger. A chemical called neuropeptide-Y sets off a series of brain chemicals that induce food cravings. The researchers, led by Professor Gareth Williams, are

produce a drug that can be snorted or sniffed to instantly banish hunger pangs. Professor Williams says that for many people the body can-not recognise when the body is overeating. The new drug could trick the body into thinking it

had just caten "It will work on all people regardless of how much weight they need to lose because it will control one of the strongest sig-nals in the brain." said Professor Williams.

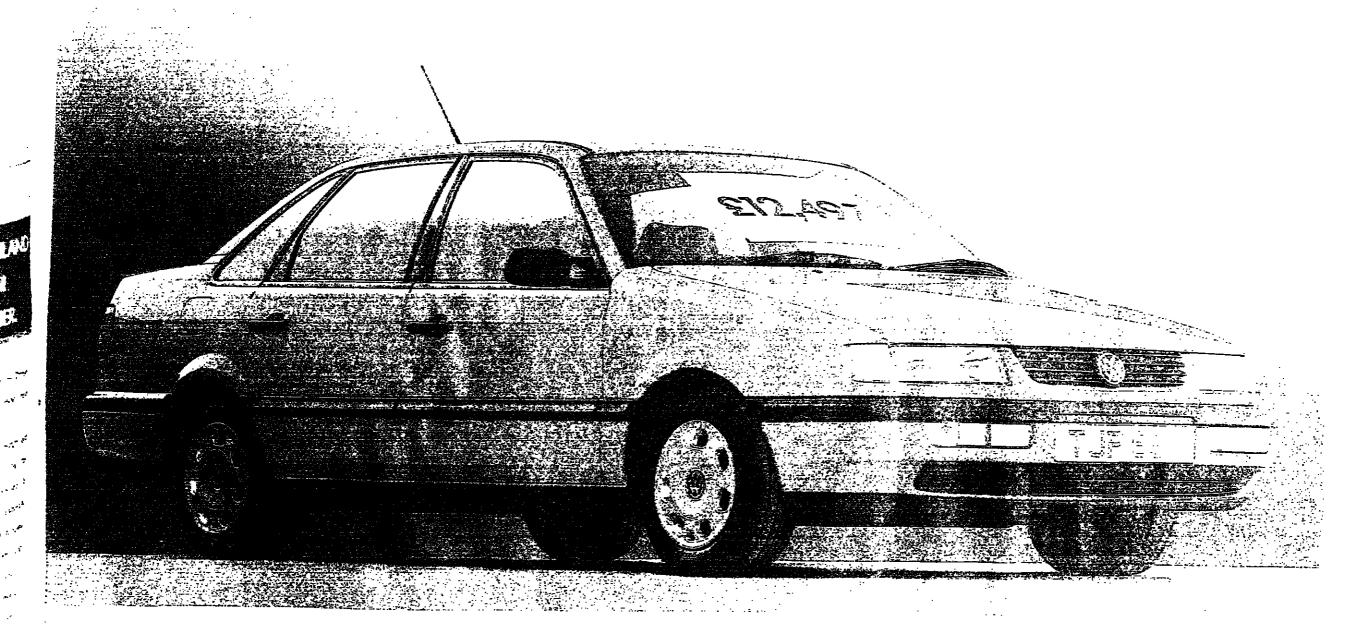
But overeating is more com-plex than a simple desire to ingest calories. Boredom and the desire to change a frame of mind are probably far more im-portant. "People eat to change the way they feel about them-selves and that does not have a lot to do with hunger," said David Sunter, a counsellor with Promis, a service helping peo-ple with eating disorders. Kim, who is currently re-

ceiving counselling from Promis, said the idea sounded "quite ridiculous" but it "would probably be a great money





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Tory supporters rewarded Dixons' chief reaps dividend

SIMON PINCOMBE

handful of businessmen knight-

ed in a New Year honours list

which saw rewards go to high-

profile figures including the

economist. Professor Patrick

Minford: Peter Wood, the mul-

ti-millionaire founder of Direct

Line insurance, and Andrew

Large, the chief City regulator.

Sir Stanley, who floated

Dixons on the stock market in

1962, has enjoyed a good year.

Dixons' shares have recovered

from less than 190p to 446p at

100 index of leading company

62-year-old chairman, a staunch

shares only last week.

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

Some of the Conservative Party's most committed benefactors are handsomely rewarded by John Major in today's list.

In common with Graham Kirkham, the DFS furniture chain chief, lambasted by Labour yesterday as an alleged beneficiary of "honours for services". there was a knighthood for Stanley Kalms the Dixons Group chairman - another staunch Tory supporter and donor - and a CBE for Andrew Lansley, formerly director of research at Central Office.

The same reward goes to Paul Judge, former Central Office director general ~ just a month after he was ousted during an

organisational shake-up. For the former Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, there is the infinitely more prestigious Companion of Honour in recognition of lengthy ministe-rial service that included another of the three great offices of state, the Home Office. as well as Northern Ireland. The Prime Minister also ap-pears to have given due credit



Sir Marcus Fox: Privy counsellor Photograph: Tom Pilston

to fidelity in the lower ranks. picking out the former Eurorebel Michael Spicer, MP for South Worcestershire, for one of this year's three back-bench knighthoods.

Jim Lester, MP for Broxtowe, and Colin Shepherd, MP for Hereford, are similarly honoured, along with James Molyneaux, the former Ulster Unionist leader.

Time has possibly smiled kindly upon both Mr Judge and Mr Spicer. The process of conferring the knighthoods would have begun before it

was announced that multi-millionaire Mr Judge, 46, was leav-ing Central Office, and before Mr Spicer spectacularly failed to turn up on time for the Govcrument's ill-fated Commons vote on the Common Fisheries Policy earlier this month.

But for the MP who helped precipitate the humiliating defeat, the ultimate parliamentarian's reward (short of an eventual peerage) comes in recognition of his willingness to influence Tory European policy from the inside rather than through Commons rebellions.

Although Mr Spicer was one of the ringleaders of the Maastricht revolt, he adopted new tactics of persuasion and argument, and helped bring eight formerly "whipless" rebels back into the party fold.

Mr Lansley, who has been se-

lected for the new and very safe of Cambridgeshire South, will be one of the few parliamentarians to get a gong before beginning his Commons career. The awards are among 56 made by Mr Major for political

services - mostly to Conservative supporters but including a handful of Liberal Democrat nominations. The former Labour MP turned SDP defector, Dick Taverne, who becomes a life peer, is one such. Others receiving honours in-clude David Heathcoat-Amory, the Paymaster General,

Michael Ancram, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, and Sir Marcus Fox. chairman of the influential 1922 Committee of back-bench Tory MPs. The three become privy counsellors. Kenneth Calman, the Gov-

and we are now a fairly subemment's Chief Medical Offistantial company."
Also knighted is Peter Boncer, gets a knighthood. Stella Rimington, out-going directorfield, chairman of ICL, for sergeneral of the security service. technology and industry. He is becomes a dame.

shortly to replace Sir Iain Val-lance as chief executive of British Telecom.

Colin Hope, chairman and chief executive of T&N is knighted for services to the mo-Stanley Kalms, founder of Britain's best-known chain of electrical retailers, is one of a tor manufacturing industry. Shares in T&N, formerly

> group, leapt earlier this month after an American court threw out a \$185m (£120m) asbestosis case. Charles Davies, former chief executive of VSEL is knighted for services to the defence industry. Ian Dixon, CBE, chairman of Willmott Dixon, is knighted for services to the construction industry and Francis Hum, chairman and chief

yesterday's market close and the engineering industry.

Andrew Large, chairman of company re-entered the FTSE the Securities and Investment When asked how he felt the Board, the City's lead regulator, gets a knighthood for services

Tory party supporter, said: "He to financial regulation. Peter Wood, the man who who waits gets his reward. We have been around for 46 years revolutionised the insurance industry with his dancing red telephone, gets a CBE, as does Professor Patrick Minford, Professor of Applied Economics at Liverpool University and one of the Chancellor's "wise men".



The Prime Minister's List

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Knights Bachelor

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tish Liver Transplantation Unit. Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, for services to Chantler, Professor Cyril, Children Nationwide Medical Research Fund. Professor of Paediatric Nephrology, United Medical and Dental Schools.

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fence industry.

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(reasurer and vice-president of the Royal Society, for services to science, engineering and to education. Hurn, Francis Roger, chairman and chief executive of Smiths Industries for

services to the engineering industry.

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hams, Harold Stanley, executive chairman of Dixons group, for services to the electrical retailing industry. Kirkham, Graham, for charnable services to the Duke of Eduburghs, ward and to the Animal Health Trust. Kroto, Professor Harold Walter, FRS. Research Professor, Uni-

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towe, for political service.

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Mackintush, Cameron Anthony, chairman of Cameron Mackintosh, for services to the musical theatre. May Professor Robert McCredie, FRS. chief scientific adviser and former Roy-

al Society Research Professor, Unicorder of Oxford and Imperial College. London, for services to seience. McIntosh, Malcolm Kenneth, Chief of Defence Procurement, MoD. Morris. Treior Affred, CBE OPM, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Condabulary, for services to the police.

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lord, for collical service. Shinwell, Maurice Adrian, for political Spicer, William Machael Hardy, MP for South Worcestershire, for political ser-

Stevens, Jocelyn Edward Greville, CVO, chairman of English Heritage, for services to conservation.

Wrigley, Professor Edward Anthony. Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, for services to historical demography. Zissman, Bernard Philip, for political

Order of the Bath

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Dame Commander (DCB) Rimington, Mrs Stella. Director-General of the Security Service.

Knight Commander (KCB) Calman, Professor Kenneth Charles, Chief Medical Officer at the Depart-

ment of Health. Companion (CB)

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THE NEW YEAR HONOURS

Musicals top the bill

REBECCA FOWLER

Arise Sir SuperMac. Cameron Mackintosh, the theatre impressario who brought Miss Saigon, Oliver, Five Guys Named Mo and Phantom of the Opera to the stage, was celebrating his knighthood yesterday at his snowbound Scottish estate.

He was joined on the new year's honours list by some of the most popular names from the world of arts and media including the pop star Elton John, CBE, artist Beryl Cook, OBE, dancer Antoinette Sibling, DBE, agony aunt Claire Rayner, OBE, and the Rev Wilbert Awdry, OBE, creator of Thomas

the Tank Engine. Sir Cameron, 49, who has created some of the most successful musicals in the world and is renowned for his first-night parties, was in the Western Highlands this weekend where the telephones were down. "We are absolutely delighted for him, but we can't even ring to congratulate him," Nick Allott, his executive producer said.

"It is very well deserved, hecause he has worked very hard

for 30 years and presided over a change in the whole face of British theatre which has transformed it into a world leader."

Among his most successful shows is the musical adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel Les Miserables, which he dubbed the Glums. It has taken £600m in sex scene between Donald the box office and been seen by 41m people in London, New York, Japan and on tour.

He began his career started sweeping the dress circle at Drury Lane Theatre, and he worked as a theatre hand for £14 a week. He broke into the big time in 1981, when he worked with Sir Andrew Lloyd on Cats. Although there have been

flops, including Moby Dick, his shows make £1.7m a week and he is worth £200m.

Another great British showman honoured yesterday was Elton John, best-known for the flamboyant performances of his ballad-style songs. Britain's second highest earning popstar. on £12.5m, after Phil Collins, he is currently working on a musical based on Verdi's opera Aida. He was also commended in the honour's list for his charitable work, including his Elton John Aids Foundation.

oured with a CBE for Nicolas Roeg, the unconventional director who scandalised his producers with Performance in 1968, starring Mick Jagger. He also made Don't Look Now, which included a controversial Sutherland and Julic Christie, and Bad Timing, which started Theresa Russell, who became his wife.

Women were well represented in the arts and media on the honours list, with appointments including Peggy Mount OBE, the actress, best-known as the formiddable battleaxe Ma Larkin in the Sixties television series. The Larkins: Julie Goodyear MBE, the star of Coronation Street; Jill Paton-Walsh CBE, the children's writer and Frances Line OBE, controller of BBC Radio 2.

Claire Rayner has already been dubbed affectionately "Old Bag Extraordinaire" by her family for her appointment. Ms Rayner, who has had four operations in the last five weeks for a torn cartilage in her knee, said she was a little startled to hear the news, but added: "It's like getting a big tick from teacher.



Elton John CBE: Music and charltyPhotograph: Herble Knott

On a winning streak

SPORT

LIZ SEARL .

Jonathan Edwards, England's world champion triple-jumper, is probably best known as the man who preferred to miss a world championship and two European Cup competitions because of his commitment to Christianity.

But this year, Edwards reversed his decision, and the son of a Devon vicar became the first man to break the 18-metres barrier at this year's world "I'm thrilled - it's a great ho-

MBE, who was also voted the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year last month. Outside of actual athletics.

this achievement, along with winning the BBC award, has been one of my dreams. Now it has come true and I have got both of them, it is just incredible. It is a fabulous end to what has been a fantastic year for

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know that he too, will receive an MBE. They have been known to say that when he walks into a rowdy bar on duty he has the same quietening effect as a Wild-West gunslinger.

On the pitch, his influence is not dissimilar. Although he was suspended two months ago after receiving yellow cards for stamping and punching, Richards, 32, was the leading force in Leicester's triumphant battle to gain this year's Courage League title I am just an ordinary bloke, sitting in a corner getting on with my life, the world's most capped back-

row forward once insisted Also honoured with MBEs nour," said Edwards, now an are the most-capped scrum half. Robert Jones of Swansea. and the footballer ian Rush, who has scored a record 343 goals in 646 league and cup appearances for Liverpool.

Shaun Edwards, the Great Britain and Wigan Rugby League captain this year be-comes only the third Rugby League player to have been awarded an OBE, following Mal Reilly (1991) and Garry Schofield (1994). The only play-er to have figured in all 42 of Wigan's record run of unbeaten Challenge Cup ties, Ed-

On target: Liverpool striker lan Rush gets an MBE

wards, 29, also boasts 15 tries in 36 Test appearances. This year's victorious Ryder Cup golf team is also celebrated, with an OBE for captain Bernard Gallacher. He is joined by the cricketer Dermot Reeve, captain of Warwickshire, who has overseen victory in six major trophies since

becoming captain in 1993. Sportswomen are also represented, with Karen Dixon. Britain's leading events rider, receiving an MBE. And Even commentators are not left out. Ted Lowe, the whispering voice of snooker, is also honoured with an MBE.

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Smiles for Nato in 'heart of darkness'

Nato's chief commander in Bosnia vesterday visited the Serb citadel of Banja Luka, described by UN officials as "the heart of darkness" in reference to the ethnic purges of the past four years, to a fulsome welcome from local officials.

Children mobbed the US army helicopter ferrying Adneal Leighton Smith to a snowy football field in Banja Luka, Serb officers happily escorted him around a sensitive weapons factory and Nikola Koljevic, vice-president of the Bosnian Serb statelet, announced he would tell his constituer remain in five Sarajevo suburbs when they revert to government rule.

Recent history - the refusal of the Serb authorities to allow the ton UN official to visit Banja Ľuka, let alone to deploy peace-keepers, and the "ethnic deansing of balf a million non-Serbs — was forgotten in

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the honeymoon glow of the Dayton peace plan. "History ture. He said Admiral Smith starts now," the admiral said. "We don't want to go back in time or dig up old wounds . . . reconciliation . . . I think that's. what it is all about."

The gloom, fury and confusion permeating Serb-held Sarajevo, whose citizens face life under the rule of those they besieged for so long, means nothing in Banja Luka, which did relatively well out of the Dayton plan. "We suffered enough for Sarajevo; we don't want to get in any more fights," said Tanja Lucic, a young Banja Lukan deputised to translate for Admiral Smith. "The Dayton plan says Sarajevo is not ours anyway, so we just have to agree with it. Rivalry between Banja Luka, the only real city the Serbs hold in Bosnia, and Pale, the village capital near Sarajevo that owed its power to proximity, has

Mr Koljevic, a veteran of the Pale circle, has moved to Banja Luka, apparently in an at-

spun into outright hostility.

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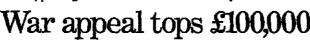
had assured him I-For would do all it could to guarantee the safety of Serbs in Sarajevo: "I will recommend [that Serbs stay] but think it's very difficult to convince them . . . and the problem has to be solved in the next two weeks if we want to prevent

catastrophe." However, in line with Pale's attempts to rewrite Dayton, Mr Koljevic said the solution for Sarajevo would be the "Mostar model" of ethnic cantons -which will not happen. Admiral Smith stated categorically that he does not have the authority to extend the transition period to Bosnian rule in Saraievo, and that I-For hoped instead to convince Serbs to stay. "We are seriously trying to convey to the people of Sarajevo that our job is to establish a se-

cure environment in which they can lead normal lives," he said. While Pale mutters darkly about the need to rewrite Day-ton, appealing to Admiral

Smith to extend the transition period to Bosnian rule over Serb-held Sarajevo, Banja Luka has welcomed 1-For with open arms. Major-General Michael Jackson, commander of the British Nato sector, was in the city vesterday to discuss the logistics of moving his headquarters. And Admiral Smith's request to visit the Kosmos military complex, where missile systems and other weapons are repaired and maintained, won a gushing invitation unthinkable

few weeks ago.
"What would you like to see?" Colonel Stevan Radivojsa, the director, asked, before leading the admiral to a hangar housing a tank, a howitzer, anti-aircraft guns and a Britishmade Marconi radar system for use with the Serb air-defence network that downed two Nato jets this year. The colonel hand-ed the admiral two gift-wrapped Kosmos diaries as a souvenir. "You can use it when you visit your soldiers on the front line,'



Independent readers have given more than £100,000 to our appeal to support four charities working to help child victims of the wars in former Yugoslavia. The total recorded last night was

We hope to improve on this figure before the end of the year. Please make your cheques or postal orders payable to the charity of your choice and send them to us with the completed

coupon. The four charities are: Save the Children, which is focusing on children who have children to Britain for treatment.

been separated from their families and reuniting them:

The Red Cross, which is running the largest humanitarian operation in the region, looking after refugee camps and linking people through its messaging network; War Child, which plans to

build a £2.5m music-therapy centre in Mostar, and to send prosthetics to wounded children in the Tuzla area;

Child Advocacy International, which aims to bring 100 sick



Painful parting: Dionne Polk hugs her boyfriend Mark Tucker at New Orleans airport before his departure to serve in the peace-keeping force in Bosnia Photograph:AP

IN BRIEF

Colonel blamed for death of his men

Brussels - A Belgian officer who served with the United Nations in Rwanda last year is to stand trial over the massacre of 10 of his men by Rwandan soldiers, the Belgian army an-Luc Marchal will face charges in a military tribunal of "homi-cide by lack of foresight and precaution". The 10 Belgian peace-keepers were captured, tortured and killed by Rwandan troops on 7 April 1994, the day after the country's President, Juvénal Habyanimana, died in a suspicious air crash. The Belgians were guarding the Rwan-dan Prime Minister. Agathe Ulwingiyimana, who was also killed by rampaging Rwandan

Mafia on the move Palermo — The reputed Mafia "boss of bosses" and 14 other alleged mob leaders have been transferred from a Sicilian prison after the killing of a jail official. The 15 suspects, including the alleged Mafia king-pin Salvatore. "Isto" Rima, were moved to maximum-se-curity cells in northern Italy, Police believe the order to kill prison agent Giuseppe Monialto may have come from in-side the Ucciardone prison in Palermo, where Rina and the others were held.

US executed 56

Washington - Fifty-six killers were executed in the United States this year, the highest national figure for capital punishment since 1957. With more than 3,000 men and women on death rows awaiting execution, the prospect for 1996 is a still higher total.

AP

Red Sea mediation Sanaa — The UN Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros-

Ghali, arrived in Sanaa, where he is expected to mediate between Yemen and Eritrea in a dispute over Red Sea islands which turned violent this

Royal break

Osle - Crown Prince Haakon is breaking Norwegian royal traditions and planning to attend university in the United States instead of England. Prince Haakon, in a year-end interview. did not say which university he wants to attend. But the teenager said he wants to study political science. Both his father, King Harald, and his grand-father, King Olav, went to Balliol College, Oxford. AP

Australians unveil the fastest killing machine in history

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

An Australian gun that can fire 20 times as fast as the world's fastest-shooting machine-gun is likely to revolutionise

weapons technology.

The gun, which has already been tested, can shoot 135,000 rounds a minute at a target - so much metal that it could even be used to defeat laser-guided when the Argentines used Ex-"smart" bombs. The Australian government's export agency, Austrade, is looking at selling the design, though it is unlikely to be available soon. Senior Australian officials

the new weapon but that it was potentially a "most significant" development.

ocet "sea-skimming" missiles to disable HMS Sheffield, warship designers have made ships bristle with rapid-firing guns such as the American Vulcan Phalanx, which can pour out up to said they were still evaluating 6,000 rounds a minute, as a lastditch defence.

But the technology used in the new weapon, which has af-Since the 1982 Falklands war, ready fired 20 times faster than

the Phalanx, could also be significant in defeating incoming ballistic and cruise missiles, which are of increasing concern to developed countries. It could also defend important targets against the "smart" bombs widely used in the Gulf war.

The Australian inventor of "Metal Storm", Mike O'Dwyer, went back to the origins of firearms in the 14th century to

build a weapon that "threw technology".

The principle is extremely simple, and eliminates the need for moving parts. MAB Engineering, which makes rifles for Australia's Olympic shooting team, has built prototypes of the weapon which cost 1.5m Australian dollars (£723,000) to pared to most defence

Whereas conventional rapidfire Gatling guns have multiple barrels, each of which fires a round and is then reloaded, each barrel of Metal Storm has many rounds ~ the latest prototype has 90 - stacked one behind the other in each barrel. That way, the six-barrelled

new pod is then substituted.
We have been able to put multiple rounds in an individual barrel separated by propellant loads," said Mr O'Dwyer, "and develop a simple means of then firing the leading rounds and preventing the ignition of highpressure hot gases sneaking round past the following round

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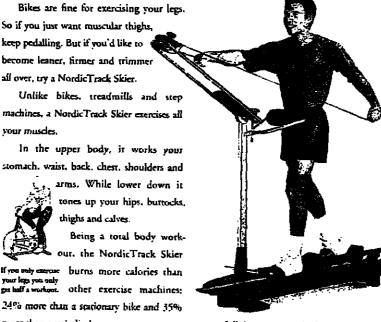
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Boris's back: President Yeltsin being greeted on return to the Kremlin after his illness

Hapless new year for Italy as Dini quits

ANDREW GUMBEL

Italy effectively guaranteed yes-terday that it would wake up on New Year's morning with a political hangover of gigantic proportions, as its government prepared to resign and politicians blankly asked themselves what on earth will happen next.

The Prime Minister, Lamberto Dini, announced that he would go to the presidential palace this morning to hand in his resignation following the completion of the temporary mandate bestowed on him a lit-tle over 11 months ago. The move had been anticipated after approval of the 1996 budget. the last plank of Mr Dini's four-point programme, in the Senate just before Christmas. But Mr Dini's departure leaves the country not so much with a political crisis as with a political vacuum, Parliament Photograph: AP | was supposed to have decided

Dini's mandate, approve an alternative government or move to general elections. But, as it turned out, the country's political parties have been starthingly unable to resolve the question, and parliament re-mains as divided as ever.

haly thus moves into 1996. and its six-month-long term as president of the European Union, in a state of political chaos every bit as complex as the one it found itself in a year ago, when Mr Dini was apprinted in extrems after the resignation of his predecessor. Silvio Berlusconi.

Until a concrete decision is forthcoming. Mr Dini will continue in a caretaker capacity. But the country's inability to put its political house in order. more than three years after the old Christian Democrat-led order collapsed in a heap of corruption scandals, risks seriously damaging its credibility and the prospect of playing a key role in European construction.

"Everything is very fluid. Anything could happen," one government source said this week in an indication of the climate of sheer bewilderment about the future. Even Italy's most revered political commentators, such as the historian and journalist Indro Montanelli or the broadcaster Enzo Biagi, admit they have given up trying to understand

what is going on. Broadly speaking, there are three possible options:

President Oscar Luigi Scal-

faro dissolves parliament and calls a general election. This is the option everyone wants to avoid, because there is no guarantee a new parliament would succeed any better than its predecessor in producing a stable

ther damage the country's credibility in foreign capitals and on the financial markets.

🖪 Mr Dini stays on for six to nine months to see Italy through the EU presidency. further prune its public finances in a last-ditch attempt to join the single European currency, and overhaul the electoral system to make it more workable.

This is probably the most ra tional option, and the one Mr Dini favours, but could be torpedoed by parliament's fratri-cidal instincts.

All parties get together to form a government of national unity, with a two-year mandate to carry out wide-ranging constitutional reforms and perform the necessary economic surgery. Mr Berlusconi proposed this two days ago, egged on by approving noises from the majority to back a government.

Elections would also disrupt could hold together for long.

Yeltsin returns to keep Russia in suspense

BRIAN KILLEN

Moscow — President Boris Yeltsin, returning to the Kremlin unannounced, recorded a New Year address to the nation vesterday but maintained suspense over his political future.

The 64-year-old Russian leader, well wrapped up against freezing temperatures, strolled through the snow-covered grounds of the Kremlin on his first day back at work since suffering a heart attack more than two months ago, and stopped to chat with tourists in Cathedral

Mr Yeltsin vowed to stick to his programme of reforms, despite gains by his Communist opponents in last week's pargave no clues about whether he would seek re-election as president next year. "I am still thinking about it," he said. of February.

tion, real power lies in the presidency, and Mr Yeltsin's

The President left a sanatorium earlier this week to spend the New Year holiday with his to work after his first hospital

try residence in Barvikha, a wooded area west of Moscow. He was taken to hospital on 26 October for the second time in less than four months, suffering from ischaemia, a blood-supply problem. He has been increas-

ing his workload gradually. Interfax news agency said Mr Yeltsin assured Muscovites during his walkabout that there would be no reversal of market reforms, but acknowledged that the impact of reforms ought to be softened next year.

He pointed to signs of economic stabilisation, saying industrial output should grow and people should begin to feel the benefits.

However, he repeated a warning about economic *saboteurs", saying the staff of the liamentary elections. But he ministries of economy and finance and some other organisations had to be improved. "There are still people there adding that he would announce tions. A ruthless struggle must his intentions at the beginning be waged with them;" he said. "There are bureaucrats who are Under the Russian constitu- blatantly stealing and there are

more than a few of them." presidency, and Mr Yeltsin's
rivals are already gearing up for
an election scheduled for 16
June.

Mr Yeltsin told Interfax he
was not ready to go back to
working 18-hour days. "It is impossible to drive oneself too hard like the last time," he said, referring to his hasty return

family at a neighbouring coun- stay in July. Tax grudge clue in Reno bomb plot

JOHN CARLIN

Two neighbours from Gardnerville. Nevada, discovered over a chat on a Sunday morning recently that they had a common dislike: the taxman.

So that day, according to the police, they built a 100th bomb. placed it inside a plastic drum. drove 45 miles north to the city of Reno and dropped it outside an office of the inland Revenue



Hurst (left) and Bailie:

Service. The ingredients Ellis Edward Hurst and Joseph Martin Bailie used to make the bomb were fertiliser and fuel, the mixture that blew up a government building in Oklahoma City in April, killing 169 people. But that, police believe, is where the similarity ends.

Because of a faulty fuse, the bomb failed to go off. Nor was it apparently designed to cause loss of life. Had the homemade device detonated, it might have levelled the building. But

the likelihood was that none of the 70 tax-office employees would have been burt, as the bomb was timed to go off on the evening of Sunday, 17 Decem-ber, when the building was

Mr Hurst allegedly confessed to the crime, implicating his friend, Mr Bailie, after his arrest on Thursday. FBI officials said yesterday they had established no connection between the would-be Reno bombers one a garbage-disposal worker, the other an odd-job man - and the two suspected right-wing ex-tremists accused of the Oklahoma killings. Neither had they found any evidence to suggest Mr Hurst and Mr Bailie belonged to any organised political faction, such as the far-right "militias" whose members have been linked to a series of bombings of government buildings in Nevada over the past two years.
"We have nothing to indicate

this was connected with any other bombings in Nevada or any where clse in the United States," an FBI agent said at a news conference on Thursday. However, officials said they

were continuing investigations and would not rule out the possibility that the two men, who have been charged and face a maximum prison sentence of 50 years each, might have been part of an anti-tax movement that has been growing in the western US in recent years.

So far the evidence suggests Mr Hurst and Mr Bailie acted on their own initiatives. Feder-al prosecutors said both men had a troubled history with the IRS. What appears to have up-set Mr Bailie is the action the IRS took to oblige him to meet his fiscal obligations. According to police, they wrote to Mr Bailie's employer with instructions to send his month's wages straight to the IRS in lieu of un-

God and Allah may not see eye to eve on this one. Frankly We

don't give a dam.



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Deadwood stages revival of Wild West casino



Deadwood, South Dakota

"This is not Las Vegas," assured the Mayor of Deadwood, exuding manners and sweet reason not instantly associated with a city of hurid pedigree. Her

Elected in May, Barbara Allen is the first woman to run this landmark of the once-Wild West, now a lovingly restored, child-friendly theme park whose patron saints are Kevin Costner and the benign shade of Wild Bill Hickok. But whether in the Nevada desert or at one of the 83 casinos here in the Black Hills of South Dakota, a slot machine is a slot machine. No less than Vegas, Deadwood is a monument to gambling, Amer-ica's true pastime - a pastime that finally is turning sour.

Just a decade ago, the rip-roaring Deadwood Gulch of 1870s gold-rush fame was dying on its feet, ravaged by fire, flood and the diminishing revenues from the local mine, eking out a parlous living on the celebrity of one-time inhabitants like Hickok and Calamity Jane.

came the third state to legalise casino gambling, after Nevada

and New Iersey.

By high-rolling Vegas stan-dards, Deadwood is pretty tame: blackjack, poker and slots only, and a maximum stake of \$5. But Ms Allen has no doubt that gambling saved Deadwood: of the industry are steadily more visible.

down for the count." A town of In 20 years, gambling has 2,000 now attracts 1.3 million \$50m (£32m) a month. Main Street is lined with saloons, casinos and gambling dens, among them the Midnight Star, owned by Kevin Costner, complete with sports bar, swanky restaurant and window cases full of costumes worn by the great man in his most famous films.

As for Wild Bill, he bestrides the place from beyond the grave, even though he was only in town for five weeks before he was gunned down (while playing poker) on 2 August 1876. His droop-moustached face looms from statues, bars and campgrounds drawing in the punters from across the plains

Then in 1989, and only for and beyond. "Most of them Deadwood, South Dakota be-have grey hair; they're out for a good time," says Ms Allen. "We're more homey than oth-

er casino towns; Deadwood is for the family." But even here, in a relative showcase for gambling - or rather "gaming" or "casino entertainment" as its promoters call it - the problems

In 20 years, gambling has turned from sideshow to national obsession. Americans bet \$480bn a year, equivalent to 7 per cent of the gross domestic product. Half the population, 125 million, visited a casino last year. In Mississippi, America's poorest state, more money was spent in casinos - \$29bn - than on taxable retail goods.

Today, however, the boom is

slowing, and in some places turning to bust. One explanation is the economic cycle; the laws of supply and demand apply to gambling too. But deeper currents are at work. If it is true that two great forces wrestle in the American soul - puritanism and libertarianism - then after a decade of the latter, the pendulum is swinging towards the

Take New Orleans, freewheeling metropolis of a Louisiana where the outgoing Democratic governor, Edwin Edwards, was a self-professed claim to fame is having once paid a \$500,000 debt to a Las Vegas casino with a suitcase full of cash. In the Big Easy, surely, gambling could not fail, but struction of a huge casino on the edge of the French Quarter has halted. Mr Edward's successor is a Republican businessman who ran on an anti-gambling

into the act, realisation has dawned that money wagered at the gaming tables is drawn from other parts of the economy, that business and jobs gained by a casino town are lost elsewhere. Most important, the huge social costs of gambling -the financial pressures, crime, the direct and indirect destruction of families - are becoming ever more apparent. An population are "problem gamblers", according to one recent study. The fiasco in New Orleans is forcing Louisiana to chop \$80m out of its \$4.3bn to lay off 300 workers.

A legal quirk allows Indians mos on their reserwhere. But despite intense lobbying by an inclusory with annual gross revenues of \$40bm, those figures have not changed for two industry boast that soon every American will be three hours or less away from a casino.

Even Deadwood has its prob and repainted facades, the restoration of the original brickpaved streets and other imgaming revenue - complaints theft and other gamblingrelated crimes are on the increase. And Deadwood is the

happy face of Casinoland USA.
Proudly, Ms Allen points to
one peculiar surge in her civic married 120 couples, only five of them local. When Fask them why they come here, they just say, Well, we heard Deadwood was a neat place. And it is. But

Crash pilots 'distracted by small talk'

PHIL DAVISON Latin America Correspondent

The pilots of an American Airlines plane which crashed in about their shifts: Colombia before Christmas tensive discussion" about the flight is heard before the deplane's stewardesses and failed to carry out a routine pre-landing checklist, according to a

preliminary report.

Colombia's Civil Aviation Authority report suggested a last-minute wrong turn by the pilots caused the Boeing 757 to hit a mountain near its desti- furi, 57, who had been 26 years nation, the city of Cali. on a flight from Miami on 20 December, killing all but four of

the 167 people on board. Then, when flashing "pull up" alarms told the pilots they were too close to the ground, they gunned the engines and hauled the nose up but ne-glected to deactivate the plane's landing "speed brakes," making it difficult to gain altitude, the report said. It did not say whether switching off the brakes would have given them enough altitude to clear the

12,000ft mountain. While not questioning the re-port, an air-traffic controller in Cali said the disaster might have been averted if the aviation authorities had replaced a radar beacon destroyed by Marxist guerrillas in 1992. Had there been a beacon in the crash area, 40 miles from the city, Cali airport would have noticed that the plane was astray and could have corrected its

course, said the controller. The Colombian report, based on data taken from the plane's two flight recorders, included some, but not all, of the last dialogue between the pilots and

the Cali control tower. It did not include the pilots' conversation about the stewardesses but indicated they had been talking

"An extensive discussion on had been involved in an "ex- subjects not relevant to the

scent," the report said.
"The subject of the discussion refers to the schedules of the hight attendants.

Although only preliminary, the report came as a reminder that experienced pilots - in this case Captain Nicholas Towith American Airlines and had logged 10,000 flying hours, - can make fatal mistakes. It also looked certain to launch millions of dollars' worth of law-

suits against the airline. American lawvers are al ready arriving in Colombia, offering their services to relatives of victims. By yesterday two Mi-ami attorneys had lodged suits against the airline.

In a statement which appeared to accept the findings of the Colombian report, American Airlines said: We are saddened that human error on the part of our people may have contributed to the accident. The accident reminds us that aviation, while not inherently dangerous, is terribly unforgiv-ing of any inattention to detail."

The report said the pilots, structions from the Cali control tower, made a sudden left turn to the east for 90 seconds near the town of Tuina, discussed the move among themselves; then ordered the plane's automatic pilot to turn back to the right. The detour took them directly into the San Jose mountain.

Rawlings 'threw punches in cabinet'

Accra (Reuter) — Ghana's vice-president said yesterday he was kicked in the groin and punched by President Jerry Rawlings in a fight at a cabinet

"He gave me a terrible blow on the shoulder which sent me falling to the floor." Nkensen Arkaah told a news confercuce, which was also attended by diplomats. "He then attempted to pull me up by my shoulder in order to hit me fur-

ther. He tore the shoulder of my jacket in the process." he said. Vice-President Arkaah, coleader of an opposition coalition, was recently quoted as saying that Cabinet meetings "had become the forum for cor-

Mr Arkaah, with his wife Mariam by his side at the news conference, insisted he had been "savaged" by Mr Rawlings and brought photographs as well as police and medical

"In his frustration he kicked me a couple of times in the were able to restrain him." 🚁

According to a government statement, the 68-year-old Mr Arkaah, who chairs all cabinet meetings, was presiding over Thursday's session when Mr Rawlings, 49, demanded that he prove the allegations of cor-ruption. The President also insisted that, in the meantime, Mr Arkaah not participate in Cabinet meetings. Mr Rawlings said he merely took his arm and

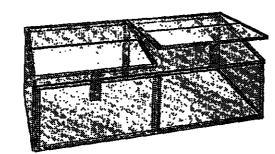
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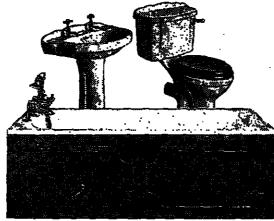


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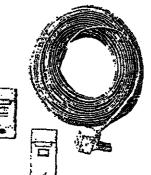


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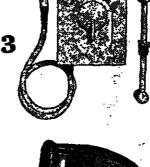
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rupt and unscrupulous plans". At Thursday's Cabinet meeting Mr Rawlings confronted him.



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It's the end of the world as they know it

Seemingly sane people believe 1996 is the year of Armageddon. Could they be right? asks Paul Vallely

He seems an ordinary kind of chap, Gideon Scott, when he stops people on the streets of Leicester or Birmingham for a chat. He has ommon-sense views on politics. His aspirations for his children seem those of most normal parents. He wears ordinary-looking clothes - "which do not hide strange under-Gideon Scott is not like the rest of us. He is waiting for the end of the world.

As the rest of the populace mull over their commonplace aspirations for the New Year, Gideon Scott has something rather more profound in mind. He is a member of one of dozens of millennial groups throughout Britain who are preparing for the End Time, which is expected 2,000 years after the coming of Christ. And since most scholars now reckon Christ was actually born in 4BC, that means that the two millennia will be up in 1996. Welcome to Armageddon.

All good wacky stuff? The French police do not seem to think so. Yesterday they published a report on the growth of millennial sects within France which sounded a note of alarm. It followed the 16 deaths there this month of members of the Solar Temple cult, 53 members of which also died the year before in Switzerland and Canada. The fear is that such deaths could happen with increasing frequency as the next millennium approaches. The Order of the Solar Tem-

ple predicts a millennial cataclysm - directed by a chosen few of its ascended members from the star Sirius - and believes ritual sacrifice will save followers from the wrath of God. French police report that there are now some 173 sects in France with 400 branches and 130,000 members: many are New Age sects whose memhership has grown significantly since the discovery of the Aids virus by offering miracle cures; at least 15 are doomsday cults.

The authorities in Russia and Japan are concerned, 100. The Aum Shinri Kyo - which was blamed for the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway system - claims to have 10,000 members in Japan and as many as 30,000 across the Russian border, where its international radio station is based. Its members are not vulnerable nohopers; they are professionals, technicians and graduates of Japan's top universities, and include one of the country's leading lawyers, a former member of the Japanese space agency and serving members in the Japanese army. The group is organised into "ministries" that shadow government departments so as to be ready to seize power after the global war they predict for 1997.

this? Can those who manufac-ture nerve gas be compared with Love Corps Networking (California, in case you need to ask), which is currently promoting the revealed truths of Virginia Essene and Sheldon Nidle? Mr Nidle, who is in direct communication with time lords from Sirius, warns that in 1996 our solar system will enter a photon belt near the Pleiades, where it will pass through an "interdimensional rescue bubble"; this will thrust us into the fifth dimension and leave us in three days of total darkness (in which all electrical devices will stop operating and toilets will not flush) before we emerge as invigorated ethereal beings with incredible psychic

And how potent a threat is

Apostle Keith Abraham? Apostle Keith is the white South African leader of an otherwise Afro-Caribbean church in Birmingham which gives us five years to repent before the world ends. "They never believed Noah: they never believed Jesus: they never believed Apostle Keith Abraham," admonishes his literature before revealing that "only Apostle Kenh Abraham has heard the voice of God today". His singular apocalyptic insight turns around the juxtaposition of the prophet Joel's "The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood" [Chapter 2, Verse 31] with a headline from Today newspaper on 9 February 1990 which proclaimed: "Moon

The Aum group is ready to seize power after the global war they predict for 1997

turns blood red" - a prophecy turns blood red" - a prophecy which the messenger singularly

In the early years, Christians such as St Paul believed it all litfailed to comprehend, which no doubt explains its untimely closure early this year. "Beat Eternal Death! Join Sacred Africa

today," Apostle Keith urges. What is causing all the perturbation is a unique conjunction. Somewhere around now give or take a few decades, no one can be quite sure - an era ends in the astrological chart: the Age of Pisces gives way to



Waiting for Doomsday: Gideon Scott has had 12 children despite his belief that the world will end next year, or thereabouts

the Age of Aquarius. At the same time The Millennium of Christian theology looms. Exactly what the latter is

remains a matter of some debate. A thousand years for Man is equal to one day for God (according to Isaiah). Since it is now 6,000 years since the Creation - keep geology out of this, please, we are talking serious fundamentalism here the final "day" must be due to begin soon. The Book of Revelation sets this out in graphic detail: the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse appear and the wrath of God falls upon the world, then appears the Anti-Christ before Christ returns to defeat the forces of darkness and reign for 1,000 years, along with the saints and resurrected martyrs: there then follows a final battle with Satan and the final judgment of all the dead.

erally. But as time passed and the world continued, the Church developed a more allegorical understanding of the text. From time to time, however, an outbreak of literalism seized sections of the faithful. In AD156 the heretic Montanus declared himself the incarnation of the Holy Ghost and announced that a Third Age was imminent. There were similar prophesies and move-ments in AD666 (666 was the sign of the Antichrist) and in the years 1000 (the first millennium), 1033 (millennium plus the years of Christ's life), 1656 (the number of years between the Creation and the Flood and 1666 (millennium plus Sign of Beast).

In every period of significant social change since, millennarianism has reared its head. The Reformation produced the doomsday cults of the Taborites, Anabaptists and Moravian Brethren in Europe and the Independents and Fifth Monarchy Men in England. It re-emerged with the Enlightenment and the burgeoning of science - the growth of interest in measurement and quantification produced a literalism which spread to biblical scholarship. In the United States and Europe there came the Irvingites, Mormons. Seventh-Day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses, all of them consumed

with End-Time preoccupations. Many were fixated upon exact measurements. The Millerites settled upon 21 March 1843 for the end of the world. When it passed without event they recalculated to the end of 1844 - which elapsed with what the disbanding cult tagged The Great Disappointment. The

Jehovah's Witnesses lighted upon 1914 (the first of a number of disappointments for them) and the Jockey Club of Barcelona (don't ask) on 1921. And so it went on: the Moonies had 1968, the Church Universal and Triumphant 1990 and the Children of God 1993. The same year the Great White Brotherhood all went up a mountain in Russia on 14 November to await the Great Apocalypse and had to all troop

down again the next morning. "It is amazing how they man-age to talk their way out of it." says Damian Thompson, who is writing a book on millennial cults. "They have an array of excuses: they averted it by prayer. Christ returned but only at a spiritual level, they gut the dates wrong and it will happen later - though there is a limit to the number of times you can pull that one. Some of them have been

caught out so many times that they have become wary. Elizaboth Clare Prophet, leader of umphant, predicted cataclysm in 1990 and commanded thousands of followers to sell propunderground bunkers. Today her followers prefer not to be

so specific. "We don't know that something's going to happen. says her press man. Murray Steinmann. "We're in the midst of a period of heavy returning karma which means a greater potential for the kind of scourges that have plagued mankind throughout history war, famine, diseases, recession, ozone layer, ... But we believe we can lessen or mitigate the impact of karma by prayer, chanting and meditation to invoke the power of

In every period of significant change millennarianism has reared its head again

God and the intercession of angels to come down and improve the life of our fellow

The fundamentalist Christhe Church Universal and Tri-tians want nothing so nambypamby as averting Armageddon. "What we do here on earth is fitting us for life in etererty and move to a vast ranch nity." says Gideon Scott. in Montana, where they had ~ explaining why, despite the end somewhat faithlessly - built of the world, he had had 12 children by the age of 44. "Therefore, the fact that we think

some holocaust is imminent doesn't make much difference." To him the signs point to the inevitability of the imminent End Time. "The restoration of the state of Israel, the growth of a cashless society, the possibility of universal ID cards. the recent peace treaty to mark the end of wars in the Middle East - all these are predicted in the Bible as coming just before the Second Coming. It is setting the stage for a one-world dictator who will appear to be the saviour of mankind and will introduce a universal credit system but who will turn out to be the Antichrist, But the Bible doesn't give us a year and people who name one are clutch-

At the anti-cult organisation Christian Rescue, the director, Rev John Celia, is worried. He wants the British government to set up a register of new reli-gious groups, much as vesterday's police report recommended for France, "Supernatural belief can be a very powerful force in a person's life and if that's manipulated for any reason it can be very dangerous," he says.

ing at straws."

He too fears that the phenomenon is growing. "Around 700 new groups have appeared in the past 20 years, half of them in the past seven years.

Christian Rescue this year received 5,000 calls for help compared with only 3,000 the year before. The Aum cult in Tokyo shows that these thing are not always inward focused: they can turn outwards and end with people out on the street looking to kill."

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At the London School of Economics, Professor Eileen Barker, the country's leading academic expert on cults, is more sanguine. "All religion can be wacky," she shrugs. "People do believe in very strange things."

But is the strange becoming more normal? Gideon Scott insists that people do not now regard him as odd. "The peole I meet on the street all the time don't seem to think we're wacky; they might not believe what we say, but they don't think we're mad to believe it. A poll in the States recently showed that 40 per cent of the US population think Jesus is going to return. Obviously, England is different, but people are far more likely to believe now than they were 25. years ago.

It seemed only too likely. "Happy New Year." he said in conclusion. "Happy New Year." I replied, but I was not quite certain we had the same thing

Jo Brand's week

This is the time of year when somehow the former staff of the emergency clinic in south London where I used to work manage, through various confused phone calls, to get together at a restaurant to catch up on each others' lives, survey pictures of expanding families and chew over relationships, illnesses, job changes, holidays, the NHS and other general gossip. So I was rather perturbed to find us all sitting in a pizza place with a very loud jazz combo, which enabled us only to throw out very rushed snippets of information between "Route 66" and that tune from the Guinness advert.

Not only that, the band had distributed leaflets from which it appeared that they were sponsored by Dianetics, L Ron Hubbard's multimillion-selling tome designed to change all our lives through the Church of Scientology. I'm not happy about this. It's bad enough dodging Stepford husbands and wives in Tottenham Court Road as they try and lure you in for a personality test and then snare you into giving all your dosh away. It especially annoyed me because some of that dosh went to a band who, accomplished as they were, buggered up my annual reunion with all my mursing mates.

How charming to hear Brigitte Bardot described as "a battered turkey" by a columnist in the Mirror this week. He obviously considers the ex-sex symbol worthy of abuse because of her attempts to get involved with animal rights and naturally fixates on the bits that have drooped as age advances. We women always fall victim to any of our views being trivialised by references to our appearance, whether we be bimbos or hags. To paraphrase a famous speech, if you are a woman in this country do not be ugly, do not be fat, do not be old and do not have a big chest: no one will listen to a word you're saying.



I would like to send my very best wishes to Garry Bushell, the Sun's television critic, who finally appears to have his own show on television. I wish him every success. I know how difficult the first series can be and how nail-biting it is waiting for the reaction of the viewing public and the critics. As a rather green, naive performer back a couple of years ago when I first did telly, Garry's words of encouragement and wisdom made all the difference to me and his continued support - consisting of glowing, erudite comments ("erudite" means learned by the way, Garry), about how fat and ugly I am - has been a continuous source of joy to me. Cheer up Brigitte, at least he's not gunning for you. Still, I expect he'll get a good review in the Sun.

So Princess Diana is regularly seeing Susie Orbach, the therapist and author of Fet is A Feminist Issue, which in a nutshell advises women not to diet and they will fall into a natural eating pattern. I tried this and put on about three stone. I met Susie Orbach at an awards ceremony and made the mistake of doing a joke about her book. I said I'd read it, got half-way through and caten it. Susie was not amused. Sorry, Susie. Still,



perhaps we'll see the princess balloon

Scientists have made another breakthrough on the dieting front. Hurrah, I say, as millions of teenage girls prepare to become more like knitting needles than ever. This latest breakthrough consists of a nasal spray that sends a message to your brain that you're not hungry after all. Calm down, though, it's not going to be available before the next century. I suppose until then we'll all have to continue to rely on that other message which so many charming men out and about on the streets send: that we're horrible to look at.



Who needs nasty neighbours?

Princess Anne is unhappy about the fact that an executive village may be built on her doorstep, inviting cries of that very irritating acronym. "Nimby!" from various sections of the

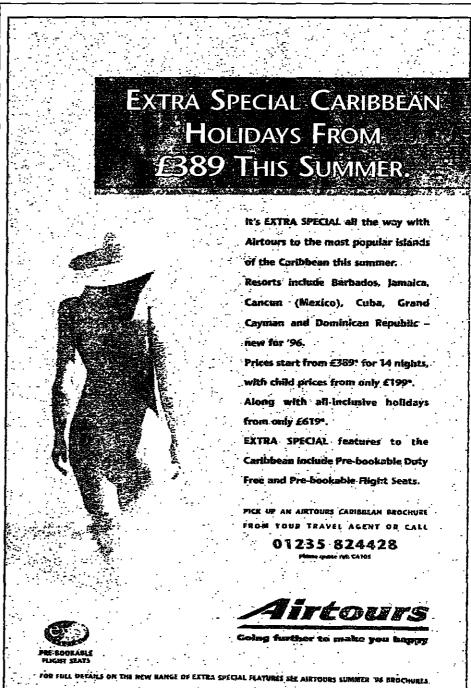
media. I can't help but agree with ber. Who wants to live near a load of puffed-up, snobbish, self-satisfied bores? Not her, which is maybe why she spends so little time with her family. Bet she'd almost rather have a community home for those with mental health problems near her. I know I would.

Everyone seems to be doing a review of the year which takes in the major events, so I thought I'd do a rather sad review of the year which takes in major events. The year started badly as I spent about a week in bed in Cornwall swooning like Elizabeth Barrett Browning with a dose of bronchitis, while all my friends enjoyed themselves in the puband threw me the odd pork pie. It was then on to writing the next series for Channel 4 and 1 spent several months, no doubt like Elizabeth Barrett Browning, staring at a blank piece of

I asked the bloke who sets up my tours to book me into some small theatres so I could try out some new jokes, only to discover on the first night at Watford in front of 1.400 people that I was not going to get away with experimental material about cottage cheese (unlike Elizabeth Barrett Browning, J suspect). The show somehow got written, but by the time I was ready to make the series I was so shattered I could barely raise my head from the bed. I seriously considered "doing a

Stephen Fry".

I got through the filming with a mere black eye, having hit myself in the face with a machine gun (don't ask). After a brief sojourn in Edinburgh and 800 bottles of lager. I began to prepare for my tour by looking at a blank piece of paper again. I am beginning to wonder why there are so many blank pieces of paper in my life. Anyway, Happy New Year to everyone, especially my mum.



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Bravery at the lakeside leaves its powerful legacy

Michael Mee knew the risks of trying to rescue 11-year-old Tracey Patterson after she fell through thin ice on Thursday. He was a fireman. In his 26 years' experience in the fire brigade, he would have encountered and been trained for such situations. He had already seen another passer-by - Jack Craw-shaw, who may have been less aware of the dangers - try to cross the ice and also plunge into the water.

In short, as the scene unfolded at the lake in Hemsworth Park, West Yorkshire, Michael Mee would have realised that he was likely to fail and that he could die in the attempt to fish Tracey out of the water. He was not required professionally to put his life on the line: he was off duty. Tracey was no relation: she was probably not even known to her would-be res-cuers. Yet still he did all in his power to save

her. He died, along with the others.

It was shocking to see the pictures of this tragedy, to hear the tales of how the emergency services tried for hours to resuscitate the victims. Reading the accounts conveys the sheer determination of the emergency services to defeat nature and bring the freezing bodies back to life. But even their will power was

not enough to revive the dead.

In the end we were left with a sense of great waste, of lives lost for no tangible gain. Yet there was also a strong sense of nobility achieved even in defeat and death. The rescuers were not just brave: mountain climbers are brave. Michael Mee and Jack Crawshaw

additionally harnessed their courageous natures to an altruistic end and demonstrated an extraordinary capacity for self-sacrifice.

Their heroism inevitably confronts each of us with a string of questions: "Would I have gone on to the ice? Would I have been one of those people who felt they must help because otherwise I would not be able to live with myself?" Many of us fear that we would have hesitated, stood at the side, retreated from the danger - paralysed by a combination of fear, cowardice and a sense of self-preservation. Indeed, the honest might admit to wondering whether, in retrospect, they really would have wanted the courage of Michael

Mee and Jack Crawshaw, given the outcome.

Photographs published this week of Paul
Brighton have graphically illustrated the
dilemma of having our bravery tested. He was
the classic "have-a-go" hero, the type whose death is so often the subject of huge headlines. Mr Brighton was relatively lucky. When he tackled a gang that had just shattered his bathroom window, his skull was smashed by a bucket filled with concrete. He survived, but only just - his skull pieced together by

surgeons.

Most people can tell a story of their bravery being tested, of a moment when they have had to make a split-second decision that may then preoccupy them years later. It might involve choosing whether or not to intervene when a stranger was threatened by thugs. How many people have, for example, passed by a



couple, when the woman looked like she was about to be beaten up, and done nothing? The trial of the two boys convicted of murdering Jamie Bulger highlighted the number of people who failed to intervene as the young child was dragged crying through a busy shopping

And then there is the question of which of us is actually prepared for dealing with an emergency. It is all very well having courage, but skill is also vital. A willingness to help someone choking on a fish bone is not much use to someone untrained in first-aid technique. niques. How many people can confidently give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation or, if they can swim, know how to rescue someone who is

Courage and bravery are not always about reacting in an emergency. Gordon Wilson, who died earlier this year, proved that. He showed his bravery, altruism and self-sacrifice by the way in which he overcame his bitterness and spent years using the death of his daughter. Marie, in the 1987 Enniskillen Poppy Day massacre, to further the cause of peace in Northern Ireland. Could we bear to

be so forgiving?

Likewise, the defiant attitude of Jaymee
Bowen, initially known as Child B during the national row over whether to fund her treatment for leukaemia, shows how courage is often needed for more than a moment. She is still fighting an illness that, more than likely, will claim her life. But her manner has given

fresh hope to children in a similar situation. Michael Mee and Jack Crawshaw passed their test. In doing so they challenged a great many preconceptions about what has happened to British society. We are told that individualism is no longer fettered by a commitment to the common good. Families seem to be breaking down, society fragmenting, bonds or oreaking down, society fragmenting, donds are weakening between people. And the decline in religious belief – indicating a loss of faith in the existence of an after-life – seems to suggest that people would be less willing these days to put their lives on the line for others

Yet, despite all this, these men felt compelled to do what they did. Courage and altru-ism - WB Yeats called it the "delirium of the brave" - seemed to eclipse other pressures to walk away. Sometimes, to run away from a moral imperative is to leave oneself tormented for years to come by a sense of inad-equacy and failure. Philip Lawrence, the London headteacher.

who this week was named Man of the Year in a Radio 4 listeners' poli, understood this. When he discovered that one of his pupils was being set upon by a gang, he did not hang back. His bravery led to his being stabbed to

We stand in awe of such people, who seem perfectly normal, just like us, until they are called upon to do the extraordinary. Would we measure up to the task? Their example gives us the power to believe that we could.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

Lessons on prison policy

From Mrs Ruchel Palmer Sir: Professor Justin Brooks (letter, 29 December) must be right to warn of the dangers of following the US model of prisons and to call for clear, humane and pragmatic policies here in UK.

Twenty years ago, working for a time with the prison service in Hong Kong, I was amazed to find the inmates of prisons unlocked all day and engaged in full-time work obtained by the service. This was in sharp contrast to the sit-

chance for them to learn and this year facilities have lain idle | creation of land, sky and sea? available to run a regime.

Perhaps we have more to learn from the East? Yours sincerely. RACHEL PALMER London, W14 28 December The writer is chairman of the board of visitors at Holloway women's prison.

From Mr.A. N. Johnston, J.P. Sir: When Lord Whitelaw was Home Secretary, he told the House of Commons that "conditions in many of Her Majesty's prisons are an affront to a civilised society and a continued threat to law and order".

In the light of your report (28 December) that the Prison Service is to jettison its policy on reducing cell overcrowding, and of the recent revelations of the conditions in Holloway, is there any hope that the present Home Secretary will learn from his predecessor before it is too

Yours faithfully. A. N. JOHNSTON Sawston, Cambridgeshire 28 December

Cheap US beef

From Mr P. A. Richards Sir: In reply to the Rev David Flavell's (letter, 20 December). I can provide at least two good reasons why American beef is cheaper than British.

In the first place, farmers in the US are allowed to use steroids and hormone growth promoters - an aid which was denied British farmers nearly 10 years ago due to pressure from consumer protection groups. Second, they feed their cattle in huge lots - thousands in the same compound - which would make our welfare bodies extremely excited if allowed in this country. Yours faithfully

P. A. RICHARDS Pencoed Farm Llangennech, Dyfed

Normal service

From Mr F. M. M. Steiner Sir: The public services receive so many brickbats, that credit should be given where it is due. On this foggy freezing morning, the post, the newspaper and the milk had all been delivered by Sam, and my trains to London and back ran on time. Yours faithfully. F. M. M. STEINER Deddington, Oxfordshire 27 December

Seeds and cycleways: faith in the future

From Mr Christopher Padley Sir: Peter Popham unfavourably compares the sums allocated by the Millennium Fund to the Llanelli coastal path. the Kew Gardens seed bank. and national cycleways, with the refusal to aid Cardiff opera house ("No daring, no imagi-nation, just cycle paths", 23 December). It is he who lacks imagination.

What better expresses a faith in the future than to secure for it the incalculable treasure of tens of millions of years of plant evolution? This is a store of natural wonders was in sharp contrast to the sum of the transfer of the transf years with Reed Employment | our aesthetic discernment that provides meaningful paid I than that we cherish our landactivity for the women, and the scapes? Can a building, the work of feeble humans, begin develop skills: yet for much of | to compare with the natural

the arts, such as Mr Popham. would build temples to the muses while destroying the gardens of the gods. Yours sincerely, CHRISTOPHER PADLEY

Market Rasen. Lincolnshire From Mr Michael Miller Sir: Peter Popham is quite wrong to suggest that cycle paths and seed banks do not bear witness to our faith in the

future. for both point to an

The attractions

of Mr Darcy

From Ms Mary Martello

as the man playing the part.

women must be "mad cows"

resuscitated rather than being

Decca Aitkenhead is also

wrong to accuse Darcy of not

showing his emotion - the piv-

otal episode of the series was

based on Darcy's laying bare his

feelings to Elizabeth in highly-

charged terms, and if she had

watched the series properly.

she would have understood

that Darcy's emotions, far from

being repressed, in fact under-

line the whole theme, right

from the first episode, when he

expresses his "very great plea-

sure" at her "fine eyes" and

Yours faithfully.

London, E8

MARY MARTELLO

aggression.

out of date.

acknowledgement of our past failures and some small attempt to rectify them. The former relates to our damaging, polluting and antisocial reliance on the motor car; and the latter to the devastating effect of uncontrolled destruction and abuse of the natural world for commercial gain. The best millennium "monuments" we can have are those that point to the errors of the past and offer solutions for

the future. I too disagree with the commission's decision regarding the Cardiff opera house: but for your headline to declare "No daring, no imagination, just cycle paths" is to display a naivety and narrowness of vision equal to that shown by the commission with regard to the Cardiff project. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL MILLER Bridge of Don. Aberdeen

From Mr Lars Breimer Sir: The good burgers of Cardiff should take the time to visit Gothenburg in Sweden, because that city has recently opened a stupendous musical theatre in the old port - and they brought the project in

under budget, to boot! Gothenburg is usually associated with football, Volvo cars, SKF ballbearings and Hasselblad cameras, but it is also the musical centre of the Nordic

decade, its citizens have strug-gled on with a theatre built in the 1850s. Now they have what Cardiff wants - within budget and on the waterfront. Yours sincerely. LARS BREIMER Richmond, Surrey

From Mrs Kerstin Lindman-

Strafford Sir. Some 18 months ago, I visited Cardiff with a group of other foreign journalists from the Foreign Press Association. We were shown the Cardiff Bay development: needless to say, impressive in scope and size. But it occurred to some of us that the plans that had been submitted for the opera house appeared to ignore surrounding buildings in an area where predominantly red brick is used. Any development should, pre-sumably, consider the aesthetic

Of greater urgency now is the matter of an international airport for Cardiff. A number of us could be heard muttering. what use is a grand opera house if international singers and conductors cannot fly in directly from European countries and elsewhere, but have to rock on a so-called express train from London?

Yours faithfully, KERSTIN LINDMAN-STRAFFORD London, SW19

Dangers in the mountains

From Mr Brian Henl Sir. Victoria Pybus ("The difference between hill-walking and mountaineering: ice", 16 December) extols the thrills and challenges of climbing the Scottish mountains in winter. There are dangers as well as delights in winter climbing. Conditions in the Scottish mountains in winter tend to be Arctic rather than Alpine. Small avalanches are common

and can cause disastrous falls. Many popular climbing areas are not covered by avalanche warning systems. One-third of the deaths due to avalanches last winter occurred in areas not covered by avalanche warning services.

Two years ago, my daughter was on an introductory snow and ice course, under instruction by a qualified member of the British Association of Mountain Guides. The leader sure from the mountains to on Liatach, Torridon. A small wind-slab avalanche dislodged the climbers near the top of the climb and they fell back down the gully. My daughter Kathy died from the head injuries she

A fatal accident inquiry was held in Dingwall last March under Sheriff Principal Douglas

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received.

Risk. Many matters of public interest were raised: standards of safety for parties under instruction, availability of ava-lanche warnings, co-ordination of mountain rescue efforts, etc. The Sheriff Principal's findings are awaited. It is not clear why the publication of his report has been delayed.

Meanwhile, others may be at greater risk than my daughter was, particularly in the current weather conditions. The inexperienced need good instruction, but there is no check on the standards of mountaineering schools. There is nothing to stop anyone setting up a moun-taineering school. No qualifications are required, there is no system of registration and there is no external assessment of standards of instruction and

much pain not to dread this winter's inevitable fresh toll of tragedy. I hope lessons may be learnt from my daughter's accident to help reduce the risks for other climbers. Yours sincerely,

27 December

BRIAN HERD Lorton, Cumbria

IRA fears repeat

much earlier process involving

Eamon De Valera, Michael

Collins, Lloyd George and Win-

ston Churchill in the treaty

Before these talks could

begin, it was a precondition laid

down by the British that the

members of the IRA should

come out of hiding and make

themselves known. This they

strength of successful resistance

they might have made should

the treaty negotiations fail to

secure a united Ireland. This

was, indeed, what happened.

Sinn Fein made it clear two

years ago that present difficul-

ties had arisen directly from the

problems of the 1921 agree

ment, although the British

Government consistently den-

ies this. It might help towards

a better understanding be-

tween the two parties if the problems of the 1921 peace

talks process were honestly addressed within the frame-

A degree of trust must be

established and such an approach might ultimately prove helpful.

work of the proposed talks.

yours sincerely,

29 December

PATRICIA MOYNIHAN.

Twyford, Hampshire

By this act, they lost any

did in July of that year.

negotiations of 1921.

of 1921 treaty From Ms Patricia Movnihan.

From Mr Ken Wright Sir: After reading today's letters Sir: Your readers can be reassured that Royal Mail does not about "arms decommissioning", I would like to point out "deliberately delay" its first delivery ("Postal union sets a that the nervousness of the deadline", 26 December) "to **IRA** and Sinn Fein regarding accommodate post that should be sent out later". Quite the the handing over of their weapons before peace talks can properly begin originates in a

opposite happens.
Royal Mail's investment in technology, combined with improvements in moving mail across the country, has resulted in a substantial increase in the volume of mail arriving in time for the first delivery.

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working day after posting. The overwhelming majority of Royal Mail customers want their mail as soon as it is available and our aim is to meet their wishes.

But let me make it quite clear: second deliveries will continue. No second delivery has been withdrawn and none will be, anywhere in the UK.

The improvements to service standards do have resourcing implications. Rising mail volumes on first delivery have resulted in increased use of part-time staff. We are presently in discussions with he Communication Workers Union to seek new work around the second delivery which we believe will further enhance our service and maintain employment security for

our employees. Yours faithfully

KEN WRIGHT Assistant Managing Director Royal Mail London, EC1

28 December

Urban landings From Mr Terence Davidson

Sir: Hong Kong Kai Tak "the world's last remaining international airport slap bang in the middle of town" (29 Decem-ber)? Ever heard of Heathrow? Yours faithfully, TERENCE DAVIDSON Twickenham, Middlesex

Driving me mad

For many years, the maverick US Senator William Proxmire used to confer the "Golden Fleece" award on the most useless piece of research commis-

sioned in the preceding 12 months. Famous winners included the project set up to answer the question: "Why do people not like very long queues?" and one looking into the sex life of the Japanese quail. Some folk will believe the AA is angling for this award with its £145,000 project. announced this week, to uncover the behavioural difwomen drivers. The psycholo-

gists at Reading University charged with this task will not want for commonsensical observations from friends and acquaintances. After all, most of us know all about other people's behaviour when it comes to driving. Differences? Of course there are differences.

Consider first this month's cases of the flashing golfer and the nude Parisienne. Matey thought it would be pleasant for women if he drove alongside them on the M27 at 80mph and indicated his willy. His victim calmly took his number and called the police. Madamoiselle, on the other hand, caused a six-car pile-up simply by dri-ving her car while naked. Proving either that women are far calmer and less excitable drivers than men, or that men's reflexes are much quicker - or (most likely) that La Française's breasts were a great deal more

attractive than his todger. It used to be much harder to make such comparisons. The only women who drove were aviatrixes, or those trained on ambulances during the war, while all men - however feeble-minded - were expected to get behind the wheel. But today more women than men are on the roads, and it is possible to

make useful generalisations. Here's the biggest. Men are aggressive, dangerous and fast. Women are defensive, irritating and slow. That car which roars up behind you, sits six inches off your tail, flashes its lights and then overtakes - straight into the path of an oncoming jug-

man behind the wheel. But the other car, the one meandering at exactly the speed limit in the centre of the road, while its dri-ver sits hunched over the wheel looking neither behind nor to the side - that is a woman driver. Men cause accidents, women cause delays.

Take road rage. Several times this summer I witnessed men carrying on preposterous duels at lights to shout at each other. "You're lucky you've got kids in the car," one teenager yelled at a middle aged rager, other-

In the heat men turned nasty. But something happened to the women as well. Not rage so much as spite. Women suffering from Road Spite would, for instance, give the impression they were making way for another motorist to pull out and join a line of traffic - and then, at the last moment, instead close the gap. Or they would approach green traffic lights very, very slowly - and accelerate away just as they changed, leaving everyone eise stuck.

Now that vast numbers of women buy cars for themselves this difference is being increasingly manifested in the names that vehicles are marketed under. The Hugos and the Charmians of the ad industry know a thing or two when it comes to appealing to our gen-der specifics. So for men we have the Ford Probe; the Furio, Volcane, Scorpio and, best of all, the Ferrari Testarossa (which presumably means Red Hot Balls in Italian). I intend to go a step further and make a fortune by marketing a tur-bocharged Reliant, aimed at the younger buyer, under the name of the Fukyu 2.

As for the ladies, they have

the Prelude, the Synergie, the Fiesta, any make of Volvo and the delightfully suggestive Clio. Here my ploy will be to push sales of the Nissan Womb - a people carrier with the most advanced safety features. Once

in, you'll neverwant to come out. You see, it's all so obvious. And all I need for my new car ideas is a little starting capital. Something like £145,000 would gernaut being driven by a just about cover it. But where irunken Pole - that car has a can you get that kind of money?

QUOTE UNQUOTE

Labour's tragedy is its long-term failure to construct a consistent and coherent theory of government which matches the new reality with the old ethic - Roy Hattersley, Labour's former deputy leader.

In my bones, I don't think the Government is going to get through the next year - Paddy Ashdown, Liberal Democrat leader. It is becoming daily more apparent that the British government has no intention whatsoever of advancing or,

indeed, of maintaining the peace process in Ireland - Mitchel McLaughlin, chairman of Sinn Fein, The law today, at least in criminal cases, uses all its enormous intellectual power to weigh down on those who get caught. But they are rarely the really important criminals inextricably

ingrained in the structure of society - Peter Ustinov. I used to think that maybe drink had destroyed my life, but that was dramatic nonsense and temporary gloom. Without alcohol I could have been a shop assistant, a business executive or a lone bachelor bank clerk - Jeffrey Bernard.

I don't believe you have to be religious or Christian to be good - the Archbishop of Canterbury.



Art and Revolution (part 1) by John Keane Take your pick

From Mr Michael Mordaunt Sir: Before the war every house in the Americas (and some in Europe) owned an ice-box. Ice was driven about towns and cities in sacking-covered heaps and homes, hotels, hospitals and food shops handled quantities of ice which came in large

ice-pick. These ice-picks were very sharp, very strong steel spikes MICHAEL MORDAUNT some six inches long with a Eastbourne. East Sussex Letters should be addressed to Letters to the Editor. Independent, One Canada Square, Canary Whorf, London E14 5DL

secure wooden hand grip. Pos session excited no comment. So, when Trotsky was assassinated in sub-tropical Mexico

Flower's East

by stabbing with an ice-pick. why must central European artists always suppose that an Alpine ice-axe was the chosen weapon. John Keane's painting "Art and Revolution" (Exhibitions, 22 December) even blocks. To cut or break these shows the tropical vegetation blocks, every user needed an and a European mountaineer ce-axe. Surely not?

Yours etc.

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His course is set for a historic mission

This was the year when Labour's new leader needed to prove himself. In doing so, he

There are no paintings in the Commons office of the leader of the Opposition. The single, rather bedraggled plant that used to stand in the corner has long gone. It is as if the leader has resolved never to make himself comfortable in a job whose sole purpose is to secure a completely different one.

When he moved in, in July 1994, Tony Blair chose the less prepossessing of the two offices available to the Opposition; the grander upstairs room previously occupied by John Smith is now John Prescott's. As it happens, this plainness is deliberate; the room is a symbolic reminder to those around him that this isn't a job to get used to.

And whatever the result of the election. Blair isn't going to be there for long. It is unfashionable but sobering, given the parry's consistent 30-point lead in the opinion polls, to consider for just a moment what hopes and fears will be extinguished if he fails, finally, to become Prime Minister. It would certainly be the end of his own political career. In the Kinnock era, moreover, there was a choice of leaders in waiting. A Blair defeat, by contrast, could be the end of the road. Having run out of ali-bis, Labour might prove finally to have been unable to outlive the century that gave birth to it.

It is a measure of Blair's achievement so far that no one in his own party now believes that this is going to happen. History will surely judge that while 1994 was the year Labour merely chose a new leader, 1995 was the year it visibly transformed itself - as anyone who experienced the electric atmosphere of those Clause IV meetings of party members in 2 series The Wilderness Years: that

has earned his party the right to govern once more. By Donald Macintyre hotel conference rooms up and down the country can testify. At St Helens back in March, for example, you could feel, amid the laughter. the ripple of slightly guilty self-recognition that went through the

audience as Blair recalled how one

party member had complained to

him: "Even Tories are starting to

vote for us now." But there was an even more radioactive moment when one party member in his sixties asked Blair bluntly if he was "just doing all this

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to win?" Well, he replied, that wasn't such a bad aspiration for a leader. But no, it wasn't the only reason - or even the "primary" reason. It was more that Labour would not win by saying

things that it did not believe in. This goes to the heart of why Blair has been so infuriated by what he perceives to be the conclusions of the compulsively watchable recent BBC

idealistic socialism is what Tony Benn stood for: idealism that has had to be ditched to make the party electable again. It is true, of course, that since long before he became leader, Blair was more focused than any of his front-rank colleagues on the cold statistics of the electoral mountain Labour had to climb. Was it not Blair who, famously unimpressed by opinion polls, repeatedly pointed out in private that in the 1992 election the party had secured a lower share of the vote than when it was defeated in 1979? But at meeting after meeting in the spring, when Blair was suc-cessfully cajoling his party into replacing Clause IV, his message was that there was more to this than mere winning; that it was time to end the historic conflict between what

about this spring was to join, for the first time since the end of the 1945 government, principles to practice, the party's activists to its supporters in the country, and himself to the party - or, as he would term it. the head to the body. As he suggested in the most impor-tant article he wrote in 1995 - an Observer piece earlier this month this was more than a generation

overdue. Some within the Party, he

said, had vainly tried in the late

Fifties to force Labour to adapt to the

social and economic changes that had

Labour had seen as its "principles"

and what it had to do, or rather sell.

in order to win power. What Blair set

already taken place. What actually happened after the 1959 election defeat was that the modernisers of their day, such as Douglas Jay and the then leader. Hugh Gaitskell, promoted a new Clause IV only to be beaten back by an alliance of the unreconstructed left and the right-wing tradeunion barons on whom they had been forced to rely to keep the left at bay.

There is an interesting point here.

Much of the genesis of Blair's ide-

ology belongs to the revisionist right of that period. But not all. Those in the Campaign Group who accuse him of being the most right-wing leader Labour ever had should recall that it was the centre left that were historically most distrustful of the power the union barons wielded in the party. As John Rentoul points out in his biography of Blair, Barbara Castle was in favour of one-member. one-vote democracy in the Forties. welfare state, a new regime for the And it was Castle who, more than a monopolies, a start for the young courage to try to reform the unions. only to be shamefully deserted by Jim Callaghan and the Labour right.

What the Clause IV meetings showed, ironically, is the gift that Tony Benn, one of Blair's sternest critics, once generously ascribed to another great enemy, Margaret Thatcher - that of politician as "teacher". What Blair's triumphant change to the party constitution seemed to leave open, however, was how far the new ideology - neicontinually describes it - translated itself into policy.

That doubt was most graphically expressed in a brilliant Steve Bell curtoon which showed Bambi on horseback trailing a banner with the slogan "Principle Liberated from Particular Policy Prescriptions", a phrase Blair had actually used shortly after becoming leader. It's true that Blair had always thought the problem with Labour was that it had too many policies - for everything from "stray cats to world disarmament" as he once put it - rather than too few. But there is a danger of exaggerating the alleged absence of a programme: a Britain in which state schools are to set new standards of excellence, and where there is widespread constitutional reform, a minimum wage, a radically reformed decade before Thatcher, had the unemployed and a reformed tax system, is a very different Britain. But leadership involves strategy as

well as ideas. Blair does not underrate John Major's ability to win elections and advises his colleagues not to do so either. The positive press he has had (think how the tabloids would have treated Neil Kinnock sunning himself in Australia while Britain froze) hasn't been a mere accident. He risked internal criticism to speak at Rupert Murdoch's famous seminar in July, partly

ther "old left nor new right" as Blair because it was an unrivalled international platform; but partly because he knows the Sun is the paper that can do him most damage. He has played his own part in getting on warm terms with Lord Rothermere. proprietor of the Daily Mail. But he did deals with neither man.

Part of his strength is that he remains solidly grounded in a life outside politics. He retains old friends, such as his university mentor Peter Thomson, with whom he is currently staying on holiday in

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Australia. He goes home at night: frequently leaving at 7pm to see his family, and as a matter of routine getting back to Islington between evening votes at the Commons; like Thatcher, he is not in love with the Palace of Westminster, Ferociously in demand - not least in the world of big business - he dines out perhaps three times a week. He reads. having recently finished Roy Jenk-

ins' biography of Gladstone. He still tollows the rock scene. He plays tennis with his normal fierce competitiveness and he still takes his children swimming regularly. He retains an ability to laugh which Kinnock began to lose in the gruelling period of his own leadership. He is, for example, a cruelly accurate mimic, able in private to take off most of the shadow Cabinet to a tec.

And there is a pleasant informal-ity about him. He hates wearing black ties, or indeed any kind of tie when he is off-duty. His emphasis in his speech to the Murdoch seminar in Australia, on breaking down the barriers that prevent Britain becoming a true meritocracy, reflect his healthy and rather Thatcher-like mistrust of the crustier aspects of the British establishment.

This raises the big question still lingering in the minds of some in the party; how genuinely radical is Tony Blair? By seizing the ground of "one-nation" politics he believes he has given the centre, as well as the left-of-centre, a new ideology. That centrism inevitably in ites comparison with the one-nation Tories whose politics in several respects overlap with his.

But Blair believes there is a fundamental difference; while they are paternalists locked in a losing battle to retain and conserve institutions such as the welfare state, he is about change and transformation. His capacity to modernise Britain as he wants remains untested; all that can be said is that if he can do to the country half of what he did this year to his party, he will be well on the way to fulfilling what he sees as his

A week of white-outs and black-outs

Rural Shetland has been reflecting on how people coped before electricity arrived, says Tom Angus



CUNNINGSBURGH - Friday 29 December. It is a brilliantly sunny day. Peat smoke drifts in a light northerly wind; voices of children sledging, and of crofters feeding sheep, carry a long way. "A day between weathers," the old folk would say, and a Met forecast of more snow to come would seem to bear out the saying.

After a week of white-outs, power

cuts and an invasion of media folk from the mainland, the thought of more snow appals most people up here in Shetland. After the great snowfall and gales on Christmas Eve. all roads were blocked. Some people were without electricity - and thus without heating - for five days. Various life-threatening situations

were averted by helicopter amhulance flights or by less-publicised practical community efforts. Neighbours' fires thawed the chilled, and small generators, carried through drifts, powered central heating pumps on a rota basis. Rural water supplies, relying largely on diesel pumps, dried up when operatives were unable to refuel tanks. Lifeboats, fishing vessels, tractors and four-wheel drive vehicles fetched essential supplies.

With terrestrial television and VHF radio out of action, our news has been beamed all week by satellite or via medium-wave radio. Unable to get about, we had no idea how things were over the hill, but thanks to satellite - once the power came on - we could watch, on our screens, a local crofter feeding sheep. It felt unreal. You sat and watched a neat young chap who'd travelled hundreds of miles from his TV base interviewing a parka-clad snowbound cou-ple and wondered which trouble spot he'd be covering the next day. But it has been, by and large, a miserable week, not improved by the fact that Christmas dinners had to be aban-Photograph: Graeme Storey doned or postponed.

It could be argued that much of the week's hardship was caused by overreliance on electricity. When the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board inaugurated rural electrification schemes in the 1950s it was hailed as the bringer of a splendid amenity. In the euphoria of the time. the Shetland weather factor, featuring savage winds, was forgotten and so men laboured at digging holes for wooden poles to hold up the wires to carry this marvellous unseen power source from a diesel generating sta-

These overhead power lines are, however, subjected to terrific tempest. The sturdiest creosote-soaked pole can stand just so much. Many poles stand in soft peat, which makes ideal fuel but provides a poor base for a power line. Poles are blown over, the line falls down and what has become for many people a lifeline is broken.

tion in Lerwick all over the islands.

The coming of North Sea oil and a massive rise in Shetlands population - from 17,000 to 23,000 within a few years - led to a housing boom. Many houses, whole estates in some cases. including sheltered housing, rely on electric heating. For many people. hypothermia is kept at bay by a thin vire stretching many miles over the type of wild, exposed terrain much admired by tourists. The Hydro repair linesmen we class along with lifeboat and rescue helicopter crews: but they can do only so much to combat the forces of nature. When you live in the country you must expect power cuts and do what you can to ook after yourself.

There would have been very little to report in the way of emergency sto-ries before rural Shetland got mains electricity. Country dwellers were largely self-sufficient. Every household used peat as a heat source for cooking and heating. Winter saw food stores laid in for animals and humans: salted and dried fish and mutton, home-grown potatoes and vegetables. The writer is a retired teacher.

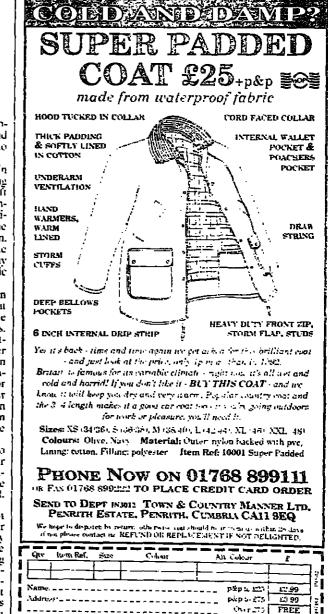
(including the hardy Shetland cabbage), sacks of oatmeal and flour and so on, meant that there was plenty to eat even after weeks of isolation.

For lighting, there were paratfin lamps, with the Tilley variety lighting the house wonderfully and giving off a fair heat, too. Fastened to the chimneys of some houses were wind-driven dynamos, used for charging the batteries essential for radio reception. People listened to the news, the weather forecast and, on Saturday evenings, to the Scottish dance music programme.

Never mind the comparison between pre- and post-war days. What we're all pondering this week is the future. And the talk is of generators. A little one would be a most acceptable present. Even peut or other solid-fuel central heating relies on electricity to work the water circulation pump; but a small generator could power this pump, light your house and keep freezer and fridge in action. At present, there is a big run on generators on the island, and the

word is that they are sold out. Whether those who are swearing to acquire this lifesaver will keep their vows is another matter. Some probably will, only to let their generator lie for months in a garage, unstarted, unserviced and out of fuel.

One thing is certain; we have not had our last power cut. The sooner folk accept that fact the sooner they can be persuaded to provide for the inevitable, and we could be thinking of others who cannot help them-selves. Up here, we have a multimillion pound special fund built up from oil revenues, which has financed, among other things, a series of leisure centres complete with swimming pools. Splashing out on back-up generators for our care centres and sheltered housing would be money well spent.



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Professor Sir William Trethowan

Bill Trethowan was a psychiatrist and a man of multitudinous talents, with a generosity of spir-it and a personal style well fitted to deploy them. He could have become famous as a musician; alternatively he would have made an outstanding ture wife Pum Waters, an actress diplomat. If he had wished to amass a fortune he could have done so many times over in Harley Street. Fortunately for medicine he had other ideas.

His ancestors came from Cawsand in Cornwall. At his home in Hampstead his father, an orthopaedic surgeon at Guy's Hospital, had installed an organ and held regular concerts. He died when Bill was 16, whereupon his wife enrolled as a medical student. Bill Trethowan and his mother graduated in the same year.

Trethowan was educated at Oundle School and Clare College, Cambridge. On reaching Cambridge be made straight for Cambridge he made straight for the Footlights, and became the eccentric and scholarly Profesmusic director. People still re- sor E.W. Anderson. Five years

call the 1938 May Week revue Pure and Simple, directed by George (Dadie) Rylands and Robert Helpmann, for which Trethowan composed music and conducted the band. At about this time he met his furecently out of Lamda. She sang in cabarets accompanied by a band called the Arimatheans, in which Bill Trethowan was a regular accompanist and conductor. He became renowned as a keyboard player and jazz trumpeter. They married in London, and Trethowan graduated in medicine at Guy's

Hospital in 1943. After army service as a medical specialist he trained in psychiatry at the Maudsley and Massachusetts General Hospital, and spent a year as a teaching fellow at Harvard before joining the staff of the Department of Psychiatry at Man-

the Chair of Psychiatry in the University of Sydney. There he made a considerable impact, but before long he was head-hunted by Birmingham University, where he was Professor of Psychiatry from 1962 until retirement in 1982.

In Manchester, Sydney and Birmingham Trethowan did much to advance the standards of psychiatry. He was a first-class clinician and teacher, and had the imagination to see what was required to break new ground, first by extending the teaching in psychiatry provided for medical students (and thus for fu-ture general practitioners and clinical specialists), and second by planning comprehensive postgraduate training of psychialrists. In Britain the Royal College of Psychiatrists acquired its Royal Charter in 1971. Trethowan was one of

later, in 1956, he was elected to reach the highest standards of professional excellence. He was appointed its first most single-handedly to set up the examination for membership, which proved entirely

Meantime other develop

ments were afoot, and Trethowan was again among the leading agents of change. Psychiatry began to move closer to medicine and away from its sequestered location in huge men-tal hospitals. Psychiatric units in general hospitals were established and community services planned. People could be treated in general hospitals for their serious mental illnesses, and now also for the common neuroses and the emotional dimensions of psychiatric illness. The 1974 reorganisation of the National Health Service brought far-reaching changes those who worked both in com-mittee and behind the scenes to in the balance between hospi-tal medicine and care and ensure the new college would treatment in the community.



Trethowan: like Figaro

In these evolutionary processes Trethowan possessed a remarkable ability to analyse complex medical and administrative issues, listen closely to what was said, and reconcile conflicting viewpoints. He was both a strategic thinker and a tactician, very articulate, and a believer in plain words. It was hardly surprising that he was

Breakfast?".

He was Dean of Medicine in Birmingham for six years, and became an adviser to central government through membership, and often chairmanship, of important committees in the DHSS. He had other national roles with the General Medical Council and the University Grants Committee. Again the days were hectic. For 10 years he chaired the advisory committee appointed to establish a medical school in the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Like Figaro, he was here, there and everywhere. He relished his many missions, but unlike Figaro he was no factotum, and

elf-interest was not his motive. He had little time to become personally involved in research, but he wrote several papers on educational topics. He developed an interest in unusual psychiatric syndromes and social anthropological themes, producing the author-itative account of the Couvade

Benny Lee

tic of approaching labour. He wrote on music and mental illness, including an authoritative review of the mental illness of Ivor Gurney, the poet and musician, who developed paranoid schizophrenia. Outside work his interests were not restricted to music - he had an informed interest in natural history (and a marvellous butterfly collection) and for some years was a good gardener. His family life provided an extremely lively background. packed with challenge, debating and debunking, hectic, heart-warming, generous and

hospitable. In 1985 his wife Pam died suddenly after several years of failing health. There followed a period of profound sadness. but in 1988 his marriage to Heather Dalton brought strength and, perhaps for the first time in his life, the hectic Gardiner); died Birmingham 15 Syndrome, in which husbands of days were over. he was happy.

pregnant women sometimes contented and at peace with develop symptoms characteris-

Robert Cawley

William Henry Trethowan, psychiatrist: born London 3 June 1917; Psychiatric Registrar. Mandsley Hospital 1948-50, Psychiatric Resident, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard 1951; Lecturer and Senior Lecturer, Manchester University 1951-56; Professor of Psychiatry, University of Sydney 1956-62; Professor of Psychiatry, Birmingham University 1962-82 (Emerius); Conversity 1962-82 (Emerius); Consultant Adviser in Psychiatry, DHSS 1964-78; Chairman, Standing Mental Health Advisory Committee 1968-74; Chief Ex-aminer, Royal College of Psy-chiatrist 1971-74; CBE 1975; Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, Chinese University of Hong Kong 1976-86; Kt 1980; married 1941 Pamela Waters (died 1985; one son, two daughters), 1988 Heather Dalton (nee

Patric Knowles

A moustache can make a dif-Knowles was just another of Hollywood's handsome British types, but with his upper lip decorated he was dapper, distin-guished, roguish and dashing just like Errol Flynn. They were at Warner Bros at the same time, which was a blessing for Warner's and Flynn, if not

After working for his father, a publisher, he made his stage debut at the Oxford Playhouse and his first film, Irish Hearts. in 1934. In the half-dozen which followed he was usually cast as an army officer. Warner Bros noted the resemblance to Flynn and signed him up. After romancing Kay Francis in Give Me Your Heart (1936), he was Flynn's brother and fellowofficer in The Charge of the Light Brigade, both in love with Olivia de Havilland, who actually

preferred him to Flynn. That picture consolidated Flynn's stardom and he made four more in 1937, but Knowles staved idle till playing de Hav- cast, mostly British, contained

illand's fiancé the same year in ference. Without it, Patric It's Love I'm. After, taking a back seat to her and Leslie Howard, as the actor she idolises. When he played Will Scarlett to Flynn's Robin in The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938) it was clear that Warner's had him pegged as a second lead, but in Four's a Crowd (also 1938) he, prietor, landed de Havilland while Rosalind Russell got Flynn. Flynn and Bette Davis endured a stormy marriage in The Sisters (1938 again), but as

Knowles was married to one of the lesser siblings, Anita Louise, it was clearly time to move on. He went to RKO for a spell and then Universal, settling into roles as the other man or the hero's best friend, getting his best break with John Ford's How Green Was My Valley (1942), in which he and another English stalwart. John Loder, were two of the Welsh mining brothers (mother, Sarah Allgood, was Irish, and father. Donald Crisp, was Scottish; the

only one Welshman, Rhys Williams. in a small role). Knowles moved on to Para-

mount, decorating two of Mitchell Leisen's pictures, Masquerade in Mexico (1945) and best friend and aristocratic ri-Goddard. The first of these was watered-down version of the John Barrymore role, Leisen did ed when Paramount pointed out the importance of maintaining her popularity. Thus he directed her in Dream Girl (1948), which gave Knowles another of his best roles, as her publisher and suitor.

Others were in Monsieur Beaucaire (1946), as the French milord whom barber Bob Hope impersonates, and Sam Wood's hy (1947), as the doctor arrested for the poisoning committed by Joan Fontaine. But perhaps his finest showing was when cast against type in The Big

Steal (1949), the cringing baddie hunted by Robert Mitchum because he has varnoosed with \$20,000 of Jane Greer's dough.

With the advent of television the studios no longer kent play-Kitty (1946), as Ray Milland's ers of the second rank under contract, but Knowles continued val for the guttersnipe Paulette to work, irregularly and sometimes in some not very notable Midnight, with Knowles in a tie Mame (1958), in which he was again a publisher, an old flame of Rosalind Russell, and it only to escape making a film two westerns directed by An-with Betty Hutton, but relent-drew V. McLaglen. The Way West (1967), as a Scottish-born general with white Dundrearies. and Chisum (1970), as an ally of John Wayne. His last film was Amold (1973), a horror comedy which also featured the one-time child star of How Green Was My Valley, Roddy

David Shipman Reginald Lawrence Knowles (Patric Knowles), actor: born Horsforth, Yorkshire 11 Novem-

(and possibly lengthened his The BBC radio planners were sitting around the boardroom nose) for soon he was back in sating around the loardroom table playing bridge, when one said, "Look, we simply have to find a title for this new pro-gramme." Someone said, "Flow Glasgow, tailoring shirts and in his spare time playing drums for his own semi-professional dance-band. Wishing to return about Breakfast with Braden?," to the stage full time he joined and someone else said, "Great, the Glasgow Citizens Theatre, but who do we get to play the lead?" Bernard Braden, recallwhere he received a good grounding in straight acting. This led to his first BBC radio ing the beginnings of Britain's first early morning comedy series, added, "Would you beaudition in 1938. In 1941 Lee was heard lieve, they spent three months singing by Johnnie Claes, a

looking for a guy called trumpeter who had recently formed a swinging dance-band called the Claepigeons. He liked the sound of Lee's voice Breakfast with Braden starred the Canadian couple Bernard Braden and his wife, Barbara and signed him on as a vocalist. Soon Lee was singing and recording with many bands of Kelly. A minor revolution in British broadcasting, it began in the day, including that of Sid Phillips. He was frequently January 1950 and featured two striking supporting players, the heard on the radio, and not only as a band singer. He played the part of Eddie Cantor in a radio dance-band singers Pearl Carr and Benny Lee. Unusually, both were superb radio actors, version of the film Show Business (1944). His other radio se-"Miss Carr", as she was always addressed, playing the dumb bubble-head and Lee, who alries included Top Ten (1944) and Music from the Movies (1946). ways addressed the star as "Mr Braden", the ill-educated ig-Lee's voice became popular noramus. Their radio personas, enough for him to be starred as created by the scriptwriters a solo singer and not just a band Frank Muir and Denis Norden, singer. In 1948 he was supported were totally removed from their

by the close-harmony group the Keynotes on "Rambling musical vocalisations, which were always excellent. Rose". Next year he duetted Benny Lee encompassed sevwith Joy Nichols, the star of Take eral careers in his long show-It From Here, singing "On the business life, ranging through 5.45". The Decca company acrobatics, fairground barker, came in with a contract and from 1950 he recorded such hits dance-band drummer, recording artiste, television comedian of the time as "Enjoy Yourself, and character actor in films. It's Later Than You Think", and "Down at the Ferry Boat Inn" And there were quite a few more jobs outside showbiz, such with the Stargazers. Every type as door-to-door salesman and of pop song seemed to suit Lee, gentleman's tailor. He was born and he covered Guy Mitchell's in Glasgow in 1916, and startno 1, "Pretty Little Black-Eyed Susan", and the Hank Williams ed his singing career as tenor in hill-billy hit, "Your Cheatin' Heart". He enjoyed comedy the school choir. Leaving school at 14 he became a tailor's annumbers and sang "Close the prentice, but soon left to join an Door" with a chorus of young all-purpose act, which sang, children on a special series danced and performed acrobatics all around one of the made for Christmas 1955 entimain variety circuits of Britain. tled Benny Lee's Children's

shorten young Lee's career same year that Lee played Mr

Lee's acrobatic days were somewhat longer-lasting than Television brought Lee a suc-Braden recalled. "It lasted one cession of successes beginning when he was cast as the host of evening, largely because of the shape of Benny's nose. In the the BBC's first ever series for finale the 12 acrobats grasped teenagers. Cautiously subtitled each other's ankles and som-"a fortnightly magazine for under 21s", Telectub on its first out-ing introduced the pop star Teddy Johnson and radio's faersaulted around the stage. As the act proceeded Benny noticed that he was following a circle of blood. His blood!" mous "Man In Black", Valen-Doubtless the accident did tine Dyall. This was in 1953, the



Pegg the myopic tailor to Spillane's Girl Hunters, while Terry-Thomas in the fifth series of How Do You View. His shortsighted measuring of the elegant "Master Terry" was a highspot.

The following year Lee was cast as Arthur Honeybee in an early situation comedy, Friends and Neighbours. Peter Butter-worth played George Bird, and with their small-screen wives, Avril Angers and Janet Brown, they recorded the programme's signature song. It became a hit, not for them oddly enough but for Billy Cotton and his band. Lee was later one of the supporting comedy cast in the Michael Bentine's crazy series It's a Square World (1960) with Clive Dunn, not yet Corporal Jones of Dad's Army, Dick Emery, not yet a solo star, and Bruce Lacey, the madcap

inventor. Lee played character roles in continuing on radio as host of It's Time For Old Time. He celebrated his 2,000th broadcast in 1953, and then stopped counting. His stage appearances included the musical Two Gentlemen from Verona (1973) and Windy City (1983).

Bernard Braden regarded Lee with great affection, mainly for the esteem in which he held elder showbiz personalities. When Braden pronounced a typical insult gag by announcing, "Music In Miniature will be introduced next week by Wee Georgie Wood", Lee tried to get him to cut the gag as he knew Wood was sensitive about his size. Braden refused, but never forgot Lee's kindness.

Denis Gifford

Benny Lee, actor and singer: born Glasgow 11 August 1916: mara good many films, from Night ried (two daughters); died 9 of the Prowler to Mickey December 1995.

Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

NEELY: Hugh, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather, peacefully at home on 26 December. Cremation in Bedford at 1.45pm on 12 January. Family flowers only, any charitable donations via funeral directors, 01525 406132.

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Changing of the Guard TODAY: The Household Cavalry Mount TODAN: The Household Cavalry Moduli-ed Regiment mounts the Outen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Ham; Ist Bat-talion Scots Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Backingham Palice, 11,30am, Guard, it seemaniam raines I land thand provided by the Irish Guards. TOMOROW: The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, fram: Name Andrews Cavally County integer Company Grendle, Ham: Ni-jmeger Company Grendler Guards meants the Queen's Guard, at Bucking-ham Palece, if Juna, band provided by the Irish Guards.

Forthcoming marriages Dr A. J. Padkin

and Miss A. J. Wood

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs. Joan Padkin and of the late Mr James Ferguson Padkin, of Sale, Cheshire, and Alison, youngest daughter of Drs John and Bridget Wood, of Durmington. Hereford.

Birthdays TODAY: Mr Arnold Allen, former chairman, UK Atomic Energy Au-thority, 71; Mr Gordon Banks, foot-

athlete, 46; Professor Sir Roy Caine, surgeon and immunologist, 65: Mr Anthony Cripps QC, 82; Mr Geraint Davies, Controller, BBC Wales, 52; Mr Bo Diddley, singer, composer and guitarist, 67; General Sir David Fraser, former UK representative to Nato. 75: Sir Archibald Hamilton MP, 54; Lord Harvington, former Deputy Speaker, House of Commons, 88: Sir John Houghton, former chief executive. Meteorological Office, 64; Lord Howick of Glendale, a former managing director. Baring Bros, 58: Dame Rosalinde Hurley, microbiologist, 66; Mr Mark Kaplan, violinist, 42: The Right Rev Peter Nott. Bishop of Norwich, 62; Mrs Gwendolen Randall, Head. Framlingham College, 45; Sir Albert Robinson, former High Commissioner in the UK for Rhodesia and Nyasaland, 80; Mr Nick Skelton, show jumper, 38; Lord Terrington, former member of the Stock Exchange, 80; Miss Tracey Ullman, actress and contedienne, 3c, Mr David G. Wadsworth, Chief Education Officer for Bedfordshire, 51; Sir David Willcocks, former director, Royal College of Music, 7t; Mr Clif-ford Williams, former associate director, Royal Shakespeare Company,

TOMORROW: Mr Douglas Anthony, former Deputy Prime Minister in Australia, no: Mr Edward Glanvill Benn, life president, Benn Bros, 90; Mr Phil Blakeway, rugby player, 45; Sir George Blunden, former Deputy Michael Bonallack, secretary, Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, 61: Sir George Christie, drews, 61: Sir George Christie, chairman, Glyndebourne Produc-tions Ltd. 61: Mr Stephen Cleobury, organist. Cambridge University. 47: Mr John Denver, folk singer, 52: Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, 83: Sir Anthony Hopkins, actor, 58: Mr Ben Kingsley, actor, 52: Mr Brian Mc-Gratten, rugby player, 36: Mr Eric Mackay, former Editor, the Scots. Mackay, former Editor, the Scors-man, 73; Miss Sarah Miles, actress, 52; Dr Valerie Pearl, former Presi-dent, New Hall, Cambridge, 69: M Jean-Pierre Rives, rugby player, 43; Sir Joshua Rowley Bt, former Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk, 75; Mr Nigel Rudd, chairman, Williams Holdings, 49. Sir John Sainty, former Clerk of the Parliaments, b1: Mr Alexan-der Salmond MP, 41: The Right Rev Timothy Stevens, Bishop of Durwich 49: Miss Dunne Summer Dunwich, 49: Miss Donna Sun singer, 47; Mr Hugh Tunnell, former ambassador to Bahrain, 60; Sir David

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: Joseph Rudyard Kipling, author and poet. 1865: Si-mon Guggenheim, senator and phil-anthropist. 1867: Stephen Butler Leacock, humarous author and coop omist, 1809; Leslie Poles Hardey, novelist, 1895; Sir Carol Reed, film director, 1906, Deathse Robert Boyle, chemist. 1091; Alfred North Whitehead mathematician, 1947; Maurice Denton Welch, novelist and artist, 1948. On this day: Gilbert and Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance had its first performance. Paignton 1879: Michael of Romania abdicat-

Walker, deputy chairman, Lloyds

ed, 1947; France transferred sover-eignty to Victnam, 1949; Karol Wojtyla became Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, 1963, Today is the Feast Day of St Anysia, St Anysius, St Egwin and St Sabinus of Spoleto. TOMORROW: Births: Charles Ed-

ber 1911; died 23 December

ward Stuart, the Young Pretender, 1720; Henri-Emile Benoit Matisse, painter. 1869: Jule Styne (Julius Kerwin Stein), songwriter and com-poser, 1905. Deaths: John Wycliffe. Protestant reformer, 1384; John Flamsteed, first Astronomer Royal, 1719: Gustave Courbet, painter, 1877: Sir Malcolm Campbell, speed-ster on land and water, 1948; Canon ster on land and water, 1948; Canon
Lewis John Collins, peace campaigner, 1982; Rick Nelson, pop
singer, killed 1985; Sam Spiegel,
film producer, 1985, On this day: a
window tax was imposed in England,
1695; Thomas Aku Edison demonteret A his lanea, 1870, mebblishe strated his lamp, 1879; prohibition came into force in Canada, 1917; the chimes of Big Ben were first broad-east, 1923; the first successful shortwave radio programme was received in Britain from KDKA Pittsburgh, 1923; the British army abandoned the use of the lance, except for ceremo-nial use, 1927; fire-watching became compulsory in Britain, 1940; the Home Guard was dishanded, 1945; the farthing ceased to be legal currency, 1960: the Central African Federation (Rhodesia and Nyasaland) was dissolved, 1963. Tomorrow is Hogmanay in Scotland and the Feast Day of St Columba of Sens, St John-Francis Regis, St Melania the Younger and St Silvester I. pope.

Lectures

TODAY Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury. "Art as Nostalgia: assemblies of memories", Ipm.

TOMORROW Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury. "Top Ten Tate Favourites", 2.30pm

Oh help! Bishop David Jenkins doesn't like

Nativity plays, and is afraid they make Christianity look like a fairy story, and a Vicar doesn't like Father Christmas. Actually, there aren't any fairies in Nativity plays, merely small children dressed as angels or shepherds or wise men and a room full of parents moved to tears. (Sometimes tears of laughter. I remember a Mary with a cold, thoughtfully wiping her nose with her hand before drying her finger on her dress. It brought the house down.)

So is a Nativity play a travesty of Christianity? I can't see that, I suppose because I think what matters most about Christmas is the story, and any thought-ful and well-meaning re-enactment of it is good enough for me. Whether Jesus was orn in December or June, in 0 AD or 4 AD; whether there were, historically, any wise men or shepherds or a horrific massacre of babies, whether there was, astronomically, an unusual star, I find less interesting than the quality of the story, and the extraordinary power it has had, over the centuries, to capture and influence the human imagination. Painters depicted the scene innumerable times, often setting the scene of the birth in local places and in contemporary costume, as if they knew perfectly well that it was not history that was the point, but something

nearer to home. So what was the point? The point of all stories. I suppose, is to help us to understand pattern in our lives, the pattern that adds up to meaning. This is the reason that, in one form or another - fairy stories, novels. television serials, soap operas – we all

so much because of the ingenuity of the there are any number of subplots, one of

Meanings of Christmas

The story so much wiser than we are

Monica Furlong, closing our series of Christmas reflections, suggests that the point of all stories - including that of the Nativity - is to help us to

understand pattern in our lives.

plot, as because plot itself suggests an underlying purpose in the ebb and flow of events. There are small stories describing, often very enjoyably, lesser hap-penings in the human drama – flirtation, say, or machinations over a will – and there are bigger stories which take us more deeply into life, which tackle love, or family conflict, or sacrifice, or war. But there are bigger ones still, which ask, and try to answer, the most profound questions of our existence; regardless of the characters involved - they don't have to be saints or in the Bible - these are religious stories.

The greatness of Christianity and its story lies in the profundity of the questions it wrestles with, questions of good and evil, of ultimate suffering, of death and life, and above all, of whether there is a God who knows or cares about any of it. It is illuminated by two great stories, both of them tap these stories up so avidly. focused on the historical figure of Jesus.

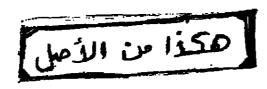
The best stories hold us spellbound not and within these stories and around them

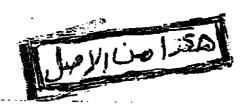
the stories, that of Easter, explores hatred, cruelty, suffering of a very extreme kind, and the life that springs out of death. The story does not explain our termented condition, but it recognises it fully and finds purpose and dignity within it - the dignity and purpose of God.

The other story, that of Christmas, is as fundamental as that of Easter, and in a sense precedes it in meaning. Before God can hang upon the same cross upon which humanity hangs, he (who is also she) must be found, born within the human condition, in the stable of our loss and confusion and failure.

Jesus is born, as was each of us, in a woman's pain and distress. The story, so much wiser than we are, says that - even when we feel lost and abandoned - God is here, with us and within us. Medieval people without the kind of intellectual sophistication that finds a Nativity play silly, or that horrible kind of modern quibbling that thinks it matters whether Jesus was born four years later, knew in a direct way that this event was cause for tremendous rejoicing, was the sort of insight that changes lives.

We too are at liberty to use the Christmas story by discovering that the meaning, the purpose, the love, the hope, the joy, is right here in the middle of our lives. here we are most happy, or most troubled, most successful or most foolish, most proud of ourselves, or most ashamed, most secure or most anxious, most cheerful or most depressed, the divinity is already present. Like the shepherds or the wise men, we have simply to recognise that we are touched by the marvellous event. It is as unlikely as winning the lottery, but a great deal more interesting.





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Dupont, General Mills, Hewlett-Packard and Toyota.

clients, Mr Saatchi responded:

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is headed by Jennifer Laing, as

well as other ad agencies world-wide, said: "We begin 1996 in

the best position to gain news-

business than for many years.

Cordiant lost several high-

profile clients earlier this year,

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Advertising rivalry: Maurice is cleared to pitch head-to-head for his previous company's clients

Saatchi set for full-scale war

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Maurice Saatchi, Britain's bestknown advertising man, will Saatchi, the rival firm estab-lished by the Saatchi brothers next week declare full-blown one year ago, intended to move aggressively to poach new war on his old firm, Cordiant, faunching an aggressive cam-paign to lure away elients and

The move will follow the expiration on New Year's Eve of a legal agreement signed last June between M&C Saatchi and Cordiant, the new name of Soatchi & Saatchi, under which Maurice and Charles Saatchi agreed to avoid all contact with clients and staff of their former

"It is pleasing to be able to start the new year with the ability to compete directly with all our competitors," Mr Saatchi said from his country home

yesterday. Added a senior M&C Saatchi insider: "There are lots of old contacts that will now be revived. There is a long list of desirable clients we would like to



founded. The brothers lured away Mirror Group, Silk Cut, Dixons and British Airways, among other clients, when they set up a rival firm on 11 Janu-Cordiant into near-crisis. M&C Saatchi agreed to drop all Advertising accounts gained since January 1995*

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Šaatchi accused over missing files

Maurice issues writ for breach of contract

Saatchi issues? writs against Maurice and other defectors Tories may be poised

to ditch Saatchi

the headlines when controversy erupted at the beginning of the year

legal actions and to maintain a ceasefire until the end of 1995. Since then, Cordiant has managed to win new business and to retain several high-profile clients, including high-spenders Proctor & Gamble and

In the Spring, Saatchi & Saatchi UK, the London-based

Annual billings

(UK only) £30m

(Corporate) £2.5m

£20m

£8.5m

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announced it would benceforth be "business as usual." In the autumn, the holding company announced the appointment of Bob Seelert, a US consumer products executive, to oversee the company's recovery.

The client losses have led to lower revenues and a restructuring programme aimed at agency, recruited a new chair-woman. Jennifer Laing. and cutting costs and staffing levels. Cordiant employs 10,500 peo-

Annual billings

Source: Campaign

£4m

£1m

£25m

£24m

£1.5m

£0.6m

£8m

£10m

ple worldwide, of which 4,000 work for Saatchi & Saatchi Worldwide, the international network of which the Londonbased agency is a part.

Media analysts point out that the two adversaries remain mis-matched. Since M&C Saatchi was set up, it has won business worth about £300m in billings a year, of which about £120m is UK-based. The company does



nearly £4bn. M&C Saatchi is heavily weighted toward the UK, with 140 staff in London, another 40 in New York, Hong Kong, Singapore and Sydney. But M&C Saatchi insiders said yesterday the company could handle global accounts

not reveal revenues. Cordiant,

for its part, had revenues of £775m last year, and billings of

with ease, relying in part on its link to Publicis, the international agency. "Publicis is like a distribution system for us," said one senior executive. "We don't need to spend money on an expensive international network. We have shown we can handle BA's global account, for example, working on campaigns in 60

M&C Saatchi intends to push for more business from its existing clients in 1996, having won international work for Quantas (worth about A\$40m a year). BA and Glaxo Wellcome.

"We had a great 1995," Mr Saatchi said, "and I expect 1996 to be just as good or better."

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Granada tipped to raise stakes in Forte battle

MATHEW HORSMAN

Granada is expected to raise its £3.2bn bid for Forte within the next 10 days, but only by a relatively modest amount of £200-£300m, sources close to the company said. The higher bid could come as early 8 January, six days after Forte's final defence document is published.

A final decision on the sweetener will be made next week, and will depend on how Granada's shares perform in the in-terim. The initial offer is for four Granada shares plus £23_25 for every 15 Forte shares. Grana-da shares closed last night at

While lower than the £600m weetener called for by some City analysts, the increased bid will be seen as a sign that the television and leisure company is not yet prepared to abandon its hostile takeover.

Granada declined to comment on its intentions. But an insider said: "Our resolve is castiron. Our intention is to buy the whole of Forte." Indications of a higher bid

came as the two companies traded criticisms over tactics and strategy in the increasingly bit-ter struggle. Forte again lashed out at what it calls Granada's "stalling growth and conglomerate-driven" strategy. It also unveiled higher profit forecasts for the year ending 31 January 1996, saying pre-tax profits would be not less than £190m, compared to forecasts of £185m published in the initial defence document on 4 December. The company said that high-

er occupancy rates in London, along with a stronger perfor-mance at its provincial hotels, were behind the better-than-expected profit.

Granada dismissed the new figures, saying that they remained 7 per cent lower than five years ago, and represented only a 7.4 per cent return on net

This only underlines what we've been saying all along," Gerry Robinson, Granada's chief executive, said. "Forte is failing to achieve a decent return on its assets and is not de-livering real value for its shareholders."

Granada is expected to re-main on the sidelines until Forte unveils its final defence document on Tuesday. That document is expected to include a revaluation of Forte's hotels operations, as well as details on how the company intends to re-ward shareholders following the proposed £1bn sale of the restaurant business to Whit-

It is believed the document will also reveal plans to dis-tribute Forte's 68 per cent stake in the Savoy Group of hotels directly to Forte shareholders.

Following publication of the defence document, Granada is expected to step up efforts to convince shareholders to accept its bid, principally through meetings with institutional investors and analysts.

It promises to provide further details of how it can enhance Forte's profitability by £100m a year, following the ac-

Levene is front runner for Weinstock job

and JOHN WILCOCK

Sir Peter Levene, outgoing chief executive of the Canary Wharf development, has emerged as the from runner to succeed Lord Weinstock at GEC.

The defence electronics giant has said it expects to make a decision in the spring in readiness for Lord Weinstock to stand down as managing director in the summer.

Sir Peter, a former head of defence procurement, is one of several executives to have had talks with Lord Pryor, the GEC chairman who heads a subcommittee set up to choose a GEC shares rose this week on

speculation that a replacement had been found. Sir Peter's imminent departure from Canary Wharf was being seen as ideal timing for an announcement early in the New Year.

He surprised the City this week when he said that he is to leave Canary Wharf shortly. following its takeover by a syndicate of international investors led by Paul Reichmann, Sir Peter said that he had been asked by Mr Reichmann to stay on but had decided that his job at Canory Wharf was done.

Sir Peter said on Thursday that he has yet to make up his mind about his future. He will definitely continue to act as an efficiency adviser to the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, As a Sherriff of the City of London he is also a possible candidate for Lord Mayor of London in several years. time. He refused to comment on any other possible job offers hemay have received. Sources who know Sir Peter are not surtion surrounding the GEC job.

utive of Lucas Industries, was last year tipped as Lord Weinstock's first choice. But Mr Simpson was seen to have ruled himself out when he told Lucas's annual meeting in November that he intended to stay at least until his contract expired in March 1997.

Bob Quarta, chief executive of BBA, and Sir David Lees, chairman of GKN, have also been linked with the job, though the latter executive is highly unlikely to join.

The only serious internal candidate is Peter Gershon. the successful head of GEC-Marconi. However, the City wants GEC to bring in new blood from outside the group to replace Lord Weinstock, who has ruled GEC with a iron grip

for 25 years.
GEC's earnings barely changed since 1990, and some key investors want an outside manager to unlock shareholder value through demorgers or break-ups, and better use of the company's £2.5m cash pile.

However, Lord Weinstock who may stay on as non-executive chairman when Lord Pryor goes, is unlikely to appoint a radical who may undo the work he has achieved over the decades.

This is why one analyst said yesterday that Sir Peter would he a good choice."He has got the business background, and also experience in the corridors of power at the Ministry of Detence. But he is no radical."

Observers of Sir Peter's two year stint at Canary Wharf, during which the Docklands development has been turned from being a half empty white elephant to an 80 per cent-let success story, see his main strength as sales and marketing.

Court order against ex-Barings bosses

TERRY SLAVIN Singapore
JOHN WILLCOCK

Six former Barings directors could face arrest if they fail to comply with a court order terhouse, the bank's liquidators, who want to interview the executives in a Singapore court.

The liquidators want to quiz Peter Norris, formerly chief executive of Barings Futures Singapore, as well as James Bax, Simon Jones, Michael Killian, Trevor Johnson and Fu Ya Yin.

The liquidators want to learn more about the circumstances surrounding the collapse of Barings in February following the discovery of over £800m in trading losses run up by rogure derivastives trder Nick Leeson. Barings was subsequently bought by Dutch bank ING, and

now trades as ING Barings. Deborah Ong, a Price Waterhouse partner, said: "We've received a court order to pursue this, and we're in the process of serving the order on

the directors." After interviewing the former directors Price Waterhouse will decide if there are any assets that have not been disclosed and whether to bring a legal action for breach of fiduciary duties.

The authorities can issue an rrant if the

fail to appear in court, but a le- added: "If the directors don't former finance director, have gal source in Singapore said yes-terday that the liquidators did not have the power to extradite Mr Norris. The latter is currently in the UK and has vehemently denied the conclusions

of the Singapore investigators.
The Singapore-based source



Left to right: Nick Leeson, Peter Norris and James Bax





ichnson, who is thought to be in the ÚK. been unable to leave Singapore

as their passports were seized by the authorities. Tow other A court order was also issued against Stephen Pollard, Nick Leeson's UK lawyer, when he former BFS directors named in was in Singapore for Mr Leethe court orders are alos overseas; An American, Laughlin son's trial earlier this year, and Killian, who is working for ING a date of 8 January has been set.

Barings in the US, and Trevor Price Waterhouse took stems

earlier this month to restrain Mr Leeson and his wife Lisa from profiting from potential book and film earnings. Mr Pollard will face similar questioning in relation to the Leeson's conduct... It is not known whether Mr Pollard will return to Singapore for the court hearing.

Singapore's Commercial Affairs Division, which deals with serious frand and prosecuted Mr Leeson, is ready to receive evidence of criminal actions if any are uncovered by Price Waterhouse.

Mr Leeson's Singapore lawyer, John Koh, visited him in the Tanah Merah prison yesterday to find out if he intends to appeal his six and a half year sentence. The deadline to file an appeal is 1pm local time in Singapore today

Guinness tries a drop of real ale

CLIFFORD GERMAN

Guinness, one of the world's biggest brewers and best known for its stout, is launching a new cask-conditioned ale, called Harwood's Porter the first such ale to be produced in the 60-year history of the Park Royal Brewery in

According to What's Brewing. the newspaper for the Campaign for real ale pressure group. Harwood's Porter will be 5.2 per cent alcohol and will go on sale in March.

The beer will be sold as a Tapster's Choice guest ale by Carlsberg-Tetley, the joint brewing group owned by Allied Domecy and Carlsberg of

The new brew is named after Ralph Harwood, a publican in the Shoreditch area of London, who invented it in 1722 and saw it catch on with porters in the local markets, hence the

Traditional Guinness still accounts for most of the output of Park Royal, but it also brews Harp lager. Enigma premium lager, alcohol-free Kaliber and Guinness bitter in a can.

Roger Protz, the head of the real aie campaigners, has endorsed the new product and predicts that unlike many test launches it will stay the course and Guinness will market it nationwide. Guinness killed off its bottle-

conditioned Original Stout four

years ago just as taste was

brews in Ireland. Greene King is testing Wexford Irish Ale which will be brewed at Bury St Edmunds. The new ales will help offset

consumer.

again, Mr Protz claims.

brewery in Durham, and is in-

tended to compete with the highly successful Caffrey's ale

turning in favour of dark beers like Beamish. brewed in Cork, from local brewers and experand Murphy's, which is pro-duced by Whitbread, and is unimental ales which fail to pass marketing tests. Bass for example is discontinuing a numlikely to make the same mistake ber of premium brands including Bass Distinction and the Black Dove bottled ale, Whithread meanwhile is testmarketing Hurley's Irish-style keg beer in 25 of its pubs. It will be brewed at the Castle Eden which failed to find sufficient

acceptance.
Whitbread is to discontinue seven beers aimed at the takehome trade including Newquay launched this year by Bass, and with Kilkenny, which Guinness Steam Bitter, Whithread Light Ale in cans, Whitbread Pale Ale in large cans and bottles, and Mackeson's Stout in returnable pint bottles.

On the plus side the latest Good Beer Guide lists 347 micro-breweries including 57 a gradual decline in low-volume niche brands available to the new ones in the previous 12 months alone.

Paribas chairman under investigation

NIGEL COPE

The chairman of Paribas, the French bank, was yesterday placed under formal judicial investigation following inquiries into allegedly false accounting at a Paribas subsidary.

André Levy-Lang has been told to appear in Judge Eva Joly's offices in the next few weeks. Paribas shares fell Fro.5 to Pr268.5. on the news. The inquiry relates to an in-

vestigation in 1991 into Ciments Francais, the French cement company, which was then a Paribas subsidiary. Ju-dicial sources claim Mr Levy-Lang was an accomplice to the ntation of inaccurate accounts at the company. The inquiry centres on certain off-balance sheet operations. Paribas denies that its chairman was aware of these operations which enabled Ciments Françai to record a 1991 profit instead of a loss until October 1992.

Paribas sold the subisidiary to ltalian group Italciementi for Fro.6bn in May 1992.

After a due diligence process the Italian group discovered some off-balance sheet items and claimed Fr500m back from Paribas. Paribas took the loss in

its accounts and filed for a civil suit in damages. The French group has always maintained it did not know about the off-balance sheet operations.

Paribas said neither its chairman nor anybody else at the bank had any knowledge of the disputed financial transac-tions until the audit in October 1992, five months after it had sold the company.

Under French law, being placed under formal investigation does not mean that the person has been charged. However, Judge Eva Joly is reported to be keen to establish to what extent Mr Levy-Lang knew about the

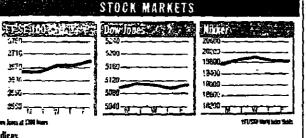
Mr Levy-Lang had a meeting with the Ciments Francais nance director in February 1992 to discuss the subsidiary's high debts. He then asked for a break-down of the debts but said the reply did not include the off-balance sheet items. Paribes saya it established the group's

1991 accounts "with sincerity". Ciments Francia chairman Pierre Copso was jailed in August on suspicions of insider trading. Paribas said it was unware of the operations as Mr Corso had hidden them for the

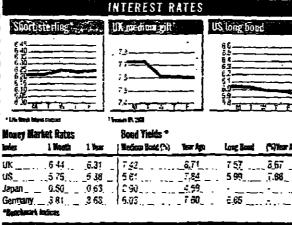
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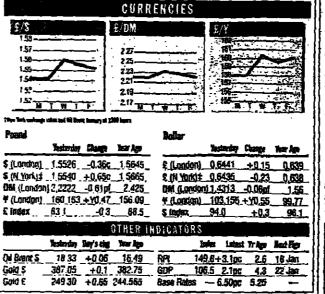
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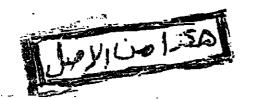
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business What the heck, let's try another market forecast



COMMENT

'It is hard to disagree with the general opinion that after continuing to rise

strongly up to mid-year, share prices will fall back to finish the year roughly unchanged'

Yes, it has to be admitted. Since about the middle of the year, this column has been consistently wrong about the stock market, having adopted, until quite recently at least. a bearish stance on shares. As it is, the market has finished the year on a high note, with the FT-SE 100 closing at a record high of 3,689.3, a gain of more than a fifth since its low point last January.

What does the new year hold? Given our record, we should perhaps be leaving the prediction game well alone this time round, but what the heck, here goes anyway. It would be nice to take a contrary view on prospects for the London stock market. Unfortunately, it is hard to disagree with the general opinion that after continuing to rise strongly up to mid-year, share prices will fall back to finish the year roughly unchanged.

In itself, this seems an unremarkable prediction but there could be fireworks within it with the FT-SE 100 index perhaps breaking the 4,000 barrier at some stage in the first six months before falling back strongly, possibly in the form of a substantial single

Interest rate cuts, a continued high level of takeover activity, and further strength in overseas markets should all power the stock market to new heights as the new year gets under way, but then comes trouble. Growth begins to take off once more and an increasingly rocky Government, on the cusp of losing its majority and with the election looming, refuses all advice to choke off growing inflationary pressures by re-adjusting interest rates upwards. Kenneth Clarke has ignored the Bank of England's advice once before and got it right, but as Eddic George has remarked, he got lucky. Such luck is unlikely to be repeated. Bonds got the heeby-jeebies, dragging equities with them. But all this is some distance in the future.

For the time being, the weather looks set fair for shares. Equities continue to look the best value around for institutions desperate for a place to stash burgeoning quantities of cash. Moreover, London looks cheap by international standards.

Where to spend the money, money, money

Money, money, everywhere, but where in the world to spend it? The world as a whole is unlikely to be short of cash for equity investment next year. According to Barings. \$330bn flowed into international portfolio investment this year, of which \$145bn has probably been invested in emerging markets (four times as much as in 1989). Both sums are going to run yet further in 1996. In theory, this favourable background ought to mean stronger stock markets worldwide. But investors have a more than usually difficult task in deciding where to put their money.

Off-setting a possible glut of capital and lower interest rates is the prospect that

carnings may weaken in many countries. Pri-varisations, including Deutsche Telekom, the biggest of all, will also mop up cash. Hoare Govett reckons that in large markets new issues and privatisations will rise by \$14bn to \$34bn next year.

Continental Europe provides both opportunities and dangers. Italy continues to suffer from the fragility of its politics. In France, all hangs on the durability of the Franc fort policy. A continuation of the poling Franc. For the cautious, Germany is a

better ber The US, where the market has risen by more than a third in 1995, looks set to rise further as interest rates are further eased. J Curiously, the approach of an election is often good for equities in the US. But the bond market cycle may be nearing the bottom and corporate earnings growth is easing. Next year the Dow may end higher, but the chances are it will be with a whimper rather than the 1995 bang.

The Japanese equity market has risen by nearly 40 per cent from its low point, a recovery that surely cannot continue at anything like the same rate given the persistent fragility of the economy. It may be that emerging markets in Asia, Latin America.

such as Poland, many of which have been suffering a long hangover after the euphoria of 1993, will be the flavour of 1996.

Keeping the utilities in check

Ian Byatt's intriguing idea that merged water and electricity companies should maintain seperate listings for the core utilicy could drive up interest rates yet further { ity operations seems to have moved on a peg and accelerate a weakening of the French or two. In a letter to the Financial Times, he market. If it fails, the stock market will boom after the initial shock but the effect for forage investors could be offset by a devalue all water companies. This, he suggests. would be the most effective way of ring-fencing the regulated business in the interests of customers from other diversified activities

> On the face of it, the proposal has much to commend it. As Mr Byatt points out, an independent listing would force the utility to keep its activities totally separate from those of the parent, most obviously by requiring that a majority of the directors are independent of the parent and ensuring that decision-making is in the subsidiary's interests, not those of the wider group.

> There are fundamental problems with this approach, however. When they were privatised, water companies were encouraged to diversify and behave like other commercial companies. That was part of the deal.

Furthermore, the maintainance of a separate listing would deprive the parent of many of the tax, cost and other benefits of group-wide management as well as in itself being a costly affair. Far from being a bad thing, to have larger, more professionally managed organisations run the utilities might be beneficial. There is no reason the utilities should be kept independent provided adequate regulatory safeguards exist.

Alternative gongs for unsung heroes

Many deserving cases within the business and City community have failed yet again to get the expected gong. The follow-ing alternative New Year's Honours List is offered up by way of consolution. Step forward Sir Cedric Brown, for services to cus-tomer relations; Sir Ed Wallace, for providing the Labour Party with hours of fat-cat jibes, Sir Rupert Murdoch for the amazing double of long service to the Tory Party and ground-breaking research in tax-avoidance, Sir Peter Baring (an OBE goes to Nick Leeson), for an outstanding contribution to the campaign for reform of banking supervision. Sir Rupert Pennant-Rea for services to the carpet industry, and finally a life peerage for Sir Gordon Jones, chairman of Yorkshire Water, for services to the transport industry in Yorkshire. His chief executive, Trevor Newton, is awarded the Order of the Bath.

Stock Exchange trading records are smashed

JOHN WILLCOCK Financial Correspondent

Records were smashed on the London Stock Exchange's markets in 1995, with record trading, record market value for UK companies and a trebling of foreign listings over 1994.

The Exchange's annual round-up of the year published yesterday also highlighted the successful launch of AIM - the alternative investment market - which attracted 121 companies in its first six months.

In the domestic equity market, the Exchange said that a 190 in the number of UK and

cent to £895,1bn.

record £646.3hm of UK and Irish shares changed hands in 1995 - up 6.6 per cent on the previous year. Strong trading in the latter part of the year helped 1995 become the seventh consecutive year of increased turnover in domestic equities. At the beginning of December

the Irish exchange split off to form its own, separate market. The FT-SE 100 soared 20.3 per cent over the year to end 1995 at an all-time high of 3,689.3, up 623.8 points.

The London Stock Exchange said the year saw a slowdown to

Talk of booming equity markets this year boosted by hopes of new stock market mir-

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Highlights of the Stock Exchange year

● A record £646.3bn of UK and Irish shares changed

Record market value for UK companies. The value of

the 2,084 companies on the Official List rose 17.5 per

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• Gifts turnover set a new record in 1995 with trading

reaching £1.57bn, just up on 1994's £1.54bn.

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listing, more than treble 1994's figure.

glected area of stock market investment

has registered a fall of 15 per cent in 1995, according to Warrants Alert, a Bristol-

based group that specialises in warrants.

The news may come as a surprise to

many who see warrants as being almost

synonymous with options - a highly-

geared play on the underlying equities to

which they are attached. Although there

is a connection, the price of warrants is

equally likely to be driven by supply and demand. In theory, the price of a warrant, essentially a tradeable option to buy a

date, should be easily determinable. As-

suming the exercise price is below the

share price, the warrant's value should re-

flect the difference plus an amount to represent the so-called "time value". This

equates to the reduction in the carrying

cost as a result of having control over the

underlying share without having to put up

So a warrant to subscribe at 500p

when the shares are £20 should trade at

over £15. But this year's performance,

sank, vividly illustrates that the reality can be very different from the theory when

demand is lacking. Part of the problem

stems from the preponderance of invest-

ment trust issues. Another is the impor-

tance of the private investor, many of whom are still licking their wounds after

having been drawn to warrants by the

boom in 1993, when the average price rose 220 per cent. The driver then was the up-

when shares soared in value and warrants

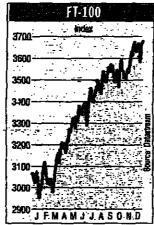
the full share price.

Irish companies joining the Of-ficial List after 1994's record 256 newcomers. New issues in 1995 included 75 companies moving up from the unlisted securities market which AIM replaced.

A further 22 companies were

relistings. National Grid Group, capitalised at £3.5bn, was the largest UK company to join the Official List by value in 1995. Albright & Wilson was the year's biggest money raiser, coming to the market to raise £470.3m. The value of the 2,084 UK

nies. They allow market companies on the Official List rose 17.5 per cent to an all-time high of £895.1bn.



THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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Warrants poised for a revival

the Tiger economies of the Pacific Rim.

That dream turned sour after the Mexi-

However, Andrew McHattie, of War-

rants Alert, believes 1996 will see a reversal

in the fortunes of the market, which he

forecasts will rise 30 per cent next year.

He argues that ratings are low in emerg-

ing markets like those of the Philippines

and Taiwan, while general conditions

look similar to those just before the boom in 1993 and 1994. Warrants in Schroder

Asia Pacific Fund and in the previously

cle, the Overseas Investment Trust, are

tipped as ripe to cash in on any rise in 1996.

Meanwhile, after a recent fall, he also likes

the look of the BTR 1997 series warrants.

traded options, there are still plenty of

risks. Investors are not necessarily pro-

tected by buying warrants in safe, solid in-

come stocks, as the Hanson chart

illustrates. By contrast, the most money

is often to be made in speculative plays like British Biotech, which now has the

largest capitalisation warrants in the UK

ahead of their expiry in January. The principle of caveat emptor - buyer beware -

Dana rolls out

the barrel

While warrants are less volatile than

professionals to invest in shares which are traded on exchanges not easily accessible to foreign investors. This may be because of exchange controls or settlement and ownership restric-Of the 38 new foreign listings 23 were GDRs, raising £2.8bn. The continuing growth in GDR activity reflected the demand for capital from emerging markets. the Exchange said, and this should prove a big growth area for London.

South Korea was most active with eight new issues, followed by India with four and Taiwan and South Africa with three. Indonesia listed two and Poland, the Czech Republic and the Cayman Islands one each.

of the region's vast oil, gas and mineral

reserves. Dana Petroleum, which yester-

day announced plans to seek a full stock

market listing, is one that might attract

the company now concentrates on the de-

velopment and production of oil from

curities Market in Ireland, the move to

the main market will raise up to £16m

through a placing and open offer.

The shares are being priced at 7p

which would value the company at around

£24m. The last date for applications is 22

January with dealings expected to start a

pected to be almost £10m which the com-

pany will use to accelerate its two main

projects in Siberia and build relations with

its two main Russian partners, Lukoil and

Having moved into the Russian mar-

It has a 50 per cent stake in the South

oganskove field which has proven and

obable reserves of 34 million barrels.

It also has a 30 per cent share in another

field with reserves of 57 million barrels.

holders will have to be patient for their

Oil sales started in August but share-

No profits or dividends are expected

Dana has come along way since last year

until 1997 but eash flow should be posi-

when it was taken over by Tom Cross of

TM Oil and the shares stood 1p. Even so,

ket early the company is keen to consol-

idate its position.

tive two years later.

returns.

The net proceeds of the offer are ex-

Formerly known as Dana Exploration.

Currently listed on the Exploration Sc-

the bolder investor.

fields in western Siberia.

The Exchange said that Lon-don did particularly well in

attracting international com-

panies seeking a listing. Over

the year 38 new foreign com-panies, more than treble 1994's

figure, got a listing. Together they raised a total of £3,6bn.

changed its rules to allow glob-

al depository receipts to be

traded for the first time. These

are certificates which repre-

sent shares in overseas compa-

In August, the Exchange

Market Report, page 18.



Pru starts search for £75bn fund manager

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The hunt began yesterday for a new chief executive to head Prudential Portfolio Managers, one of Britain's largest fund managers looking after more than £75bn of assets, equal to £1,250 for every man, woman and child in the country.

Prudential said it was actively searching for a replacement for Hugh Jenkins, who is formally retiring from the company on New Year's eve.

Until a new chief executive at PPM is found, Mr Jenkins place at the helm will be taken by Rodney Dennis, currently managing director of the fund management company's UK and European arm.

Mr Dennis, who joined the company in 1987 to head its international equities team, is believed to be one of the favourite internal candidates for the top job although outside applicants will also be inter-

However, a Prudential spokeswoman said no timetable was being set for an appointment: "We will take whatever time is needed to ensure that the right candidate is selected for what is a vitally important job

within the group. Whoever succeeds Mr Jenk-ins will have one of the most powerful jobs in the country, so important that in a poll 12 months ago of the most im-portant 100 people in the UK, he came in 22nd, several places shove Mick Newmarch, then the Pru's own chief executive.

The job's importance lies in the fact that it determines the overall investment strategy of the Pru's £75bn under management including more than 30bn in the UK life fund. Every day a further £10m is

paid into the fund from investors, including millions of endowment and pension plan holders. Mr Jenkins joined Prudential

in 1989 after three years as

group investment director at Allied Dunbar, another big insurer. Before briefly working in the United States, he spent 23 years at the National Coal Board's pension fund, where he rose to become director general.

In the past year at the Pru, Mr Jenkins has helped steer its fund management arm into backing the changes proposed by the Cadbury Committee on rporate governance.

However, he has argued that the newly-formed "Cadbury Two" committee should not go further than monitoring the implementation of changes put rward in the first report.

He has also spoken in favour of "realistic market salaries" for directors, albeit linked with company performance.

Despite his retirement, compulsory for all senior Prudential executives at age 62. Mr Jenkins is expected to remain a non-executive director of Thorn EMI, the electronics group. and Rank, the leisure giant. His temporary successor.

Rodney Dennis, is chairman of PPM's asset allocation committee, playing a key role in the overall investment strategy for the funds managed by PPM. Mr Dennis, who is in his 40s.

also chairs PPM's UK equity policy committee, which is responsible for UK investment strategy.

IN BRIEF

Power licence modification plan

Plans to modify the licences of South Western Electricity and Eastern Group were published vesterday by Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator. The changes, which ring-fence the finances of the electricity businesses and provide for extra information to be given to the regulator, have been agreed by Southern Electric International, which has taken over Sweb, and Hanson, which has taken over Eastern.

The takeovers were allowed to proceed without a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on condition that new licence terms were agreed with the regulator.

Consumers rush for cash

Retailers had a good week judging by eash machine usage. Link, the UK's largest cash machine network, was 40 per cent busier on the first day of the January sales - Thursday - than on the comparable day last year. Jim Nix, general manager of Link, said £23.8m was withdrawn compared with £16.6m a year earlier. He added: "The marked leap is due to greater consumer confidence or a reluctance to use credit cards when shopping - with eash the purchase is instant with no unpleasant bills to follow."

MAM raises £28m for African fund

Mercury Asset Management has raised £27.9m for a new fund investing in Southern Africa, by placings with institutions. The fund will be 80 per cent invested immediately through an asset swap with co-managers South African National Life Assurance. Mercury said the fund would focus on companies which will bencfit from growth in the domestic economy and will not reflect the composition of the Johannesburg stock exchange.

Shipping line pulls out

State-owned Australian National Line said it is withdrawing from joint management with P&O of a shipping route between Australia, New Zealand and Europe. A spokesman said the European route was a big loss-maker. In November, the government cancelled plans to sell ANL to P&O.

Capital Citybus sold

Capital Citybus, a London bus operator based in Dagenham and Tortenham, has been sold to its management in a buyout backed by Lloyds Development Capital. The company operates 24 routes with 201 buses under contract from London Transport. Lloyds has taken a minority stake and the management holds the balance. The deal includes £2m of term debt from NatWest Markets Acquisition Finance and £5m from Lombard Corporate

Oil futures firmer

US spot crudes gained a few cents a barrel, partly due to views that plans to keep British Petroleum's Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, refinery open through January should firm crude demand but hurt product prices. February West Texas Intermediate was at \$19.39-42 a barrel.

Boardroom changes

Sir Patrick Sheehy yesterday retired as a director and non-executive chairman of BAT. He is succeeded by Lord Cairns, former head of Warburg, Hugh Feeley and Sir Peter Frogatt retire this veckend from the board of Allied Irish Banks,

\$52m Willis Corroon sale

Willis Corroon, the insurance brokers, have sold a US property. Willis Corroon Plaza, for \$52m (£35m). The company, which aims to use the cash from the sale to reduce borrowings and for other corporate purposes said the financial effect of the transaction on the group in 1996 would be broadly neutral.

United Utilities debut

The UK's first combined water, electricity and telecommunications utility. United Utilities, will come into being on 1 January. created by North West Water's takeover of regional electricity company Norweb. With sales of over £2.5bn and market capitalisation of over £3bn, it will be one of the 50 biggest UK firms.

Tessa table

In the table on the top Tessa accounts in Wednesday's edition the figure for TSB, the best performing bank, was inadvertently transposed. The correct figure should have read £11,904.

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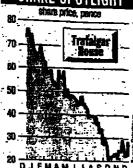
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record breaking year at a new

It was all a question of will or, to be more precise, old fashioned manipulation which allowed the stock market to celebrate what has been a remarkable 12 months in

Trading, in the half-day session, was pleasantly gentle commodity.
with a steady trickle of buying Labour ha orders helping to create a mood of jollity.

Book squaring by market makers and year-end portfolio window dressing by some institutions was again evident. Anticipated New Year share tips were often given a hopeful whirl; so were the perceived takeover and recovery

The most widely held view is the market will continue to

After much huffing and puffing shares produced a action is expected to continue springheeled leap to finish a at a heady pace although it is unlikely to reach the record £70bn level achieved this year. But the looming general

election is expected to steadily erode sentiment as the second half of the year unfolds. One of the influences the market hates is uncertainty. And an approaching election

will provide plenty of such a Labour has, of course, spent much time and energy in an endeavour to calm traditional City fears about its policy. The signs are that it has failed and a pending change of govern-ment will produce the familiar

unfavourable market reaction. The FT-SE 100 index closed 12.6 points higher at 3.689.3, topping the previous record, hit at the start of the month, by 8.9. It also managed a new trading high - 3,690.6. Footsie started

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

Last-minute leap brings the year to a record end

Stock market reporter of the year

of the shares.

around 35p a share,

per cent shareholder Hong Kong Land, part of the Jardine

Mattheson empire, is looking

support is behind the strength

The supporting index, covering the 250 stocks immediately outside Footsie, finished at 4,021.3, a year's high but below the peak achieved in Feb-

ruary last year. Vodafone, partly on US bid hopes, was the best performing Footsie constituent, gaining 9p to 230.5p. Royal Bank of Scotland, which is attracting an obligation to mount a much of the hot takeover money, rose 6p to 586p, a two day 14p gain. It is, however, below the 608p high reached a month ago when takeover talk at-

But the market has beard it all before. And the gains were muted and selective. Abbey National and Berisford, the Magnet kitchens group, led the

Whithread was encouraged 11.5p higher at 680.5p on fur-ther consideration of the likely benefits from its proposed budget hotel and restaurant at ways to demonstrate its deal with Forte, firm at 330.5p following an upward revision of its profit forecast to £190m.

It is rumoured to have in-British Gas, little changed structed its stockbrokers to at 154p, was comfortably the share maximum before triggering an obligation to mount a bid for full control. Some, however, think HKI will not be some at nearly 77 million; Tesco attracted a 40.2 million trace. ing an obligation to mount a stare with sead putning volume at nearly 77 million; Tesco at tracted a 40.2 million tumover, think HKL will not bother with such a preliminary exercise but launched a bid at exercise but printing of delayed trades pro-duced the flurry. There were exercise but launched a bid at tained frenzied levels.

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The heavy trading, which also featured Redland, BTR. Great Universal Stores and Unilever, represented half the day's volume, ballooning the turnover figure to an unrepresentative 418.8 million.

British Aerospace rose 7p to 797p on a Philippines Airbus contract and in a firm drugs sector Glaxo Wellcome gained 10p to 915p on hopes for its influenza treatment and Zeneca 11p to 1,246p as attention was directed at some of the drugs in its research pipeline. Amstrad managed to re-

cover a little of Thursday's loss.

puter data group which emerged out of the old Mill-

TAKING STOCK

Alliance Resources, in bitter dispute with its ousted chief executive John O'Brien, seems to be on the recovery road. A cash call is planned and the company has its sights on the former Soviet

There is also talk it is near to clinching a deal, possibly a reverse takeover, that could substantially improve its prospects. The shares edged ahead 0.5p to 3.75p. They hit 12p before sinking to a low of 1p on the O'Brien debacle.

☐ London & Associated Properties, at 28.5p, is bumping along near its year's low and well adrift of its estimated 52p asset value. It has lifted its shops portfolio to more than 600 by buying the Kings Square, West gate security business, rose 2p to 26p, a new high, on hopes it will soon indulge in rapid expansion.

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Bromwich, shopping centre.

This year's profits are expected to be little changed at

20 Is the market will continue to high - 3,690.6. Footsie started the shares edging ahead 0.75p soon emerge from its long desecond part of bed and break-it will soon indulge in rapid ed to be little changed at power ahead - at least in the the year at 3,065.5. to 27.75p. The feeling that 26 pression helped sentiment. fast deals. expansion.
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Frank Bruno receives the Robert the Bruce's spider award for admirable persistence in the face of all available evidence

Yesterday, the Queen was inking in the last few names on her New Year's Honours list, wondering, perhaps, about a special mention for Lord Mackay after his work in speeding up the process of divorce. No doubt sporting figures were dotted among the sycophants and time-servers as the gongs were con-sidered, but not in sufficient numbers to reflect the enormous hold sport has over the nation. After all, who is more likely to have lifted our collective heart this year - Jonathan Edwards or some pen-pusher at the Ministry of Agriculture who is guaranteed a knighthood in the small print of his contract of employment?
To redress the imbalance, this

column is instituting its own New Year's Honours list for sporting achievement in 1995. But, rather than handing out meaningless strings of initials, the list follows the format of Oscars: awards for specific achieve-

ment in a variety of categories. And, in keeping with the unstoppable tide of commercialisation presently overwhelming our sport, many of the titles have been sponsored.

First off, then, the Kenneth Moore Memorial award for a performance full of the understated virtues of Englishness, yet capable of putting a spring into the most sluggish of steps goes to Michael Atherton for his astonishing innings in Johannesburg, Unfortunately, since he is otherwise engaged in Port Elizabeth once more holding together the England team, he cannot be with us today

But then, nor can any of the other award winners, such as Frank Bruno, who can console himself in just missing out on Atherton's prize as he picks up the Robert the Bruce's spider award for admirable persistence in the face of all avail-

Another boxer, Naseem Hamed. also honoured. He receives the Ray Illingworth award for continu-ous display of an ego the size of a diseased bladder. Also, thanks to his leopard-skin fringed thong, Hamed picks up the Manchester United merchandise department award for silliest new item of sporting kit.

The Teflon title for being unable to keep a grip on anything worthwhile is shared in a three-way split between David Seaman, for his performance against Real Zaragoza in the European Cup-Winners' Cup final, and two football club chairmen Martin George of Leicester and Robert Chase of Norwich - so careless of managers you suspect they would be unable to hold on to a life jacket in a shipwreck.

Despite the excellent claims of Juninho and Ruud Gullit in this category, the Christopher Columbus

Jim White

ON SATURDAY

destination thoroughly enough before setting out on an adventure is won by Ivano Bonetti, the Italian footballer recently signed by Grims-

Linford Christie, after his dramatic tumble in the World Championships in Gothenburg, wins the award for not researching your Bird's Eye new-uses-for-a-pack-of- ny Dalglish, self-promoted director

frozen-peas award. Also easily outstripping the opposition. Tony Un-derwood takes the John Redwood it-seemed-like-a-good-idea-at-thetime award for winking at Jonah Lomu during the haka before the Rugby World Cup semi-final in an injudicious attempt to put him off his stride. And winning this year's Torvill and Dean golden blade for being world champion in a sport which receives no media attention until a Briton wins is Colin McRae. who is a rally driver.

Meanwhile, the Sid the Sexist award for inability to keep hold of talent is won by Bolton Wanderers, who have lost Bruce Rioch, Jason McAteer and, in all likelihood, their Premiership place in quick succession, Still in Lancashire, the Michael Heseltine award for inventing a grandiose title to describe your meaningless new job goes to Ken-

keeping a television station's complaints duty officer occupied for an entire formight is landed by John Sitton, the former co-manager of Lev-ton Orient, who narrowly beat off the attendant claims of Jeff Tarango. The explctive-fuelled tirades which passed for Sitton's team-talks recorded by the documentary Orient - Club For A Fiver would have been rejected as unnecessarily over the top by a Roy Chubby Brown

scriptwriters' convention.

Although he didn't win anything at Brisbane Road, Sitton is, in fact. this column's most decorated sporting achiever for 1995. Beating off stiff competition from Will Carling (apropos his 57-farts television programme) and Stan Collymore (for the I'm-unhappy-at-Liverpool interview with Four Four Two maga-

of football at Blackburn Rovers.
The Mary Whitehouse award for claiming afterwards that award for claiming afterwards that the programme misrepresented him. Plus he shares with Graham Taylor the Walter Mitty imagination shield for believing, after all that, he still has a future in the game.

Finally, everything seems to be go-ing right for Andy Cole. In the week he ended his goal famine, he also scoops the hig one: the Bob Monkhouse tired old gag award. The United striker receives it for inspiring the exhumation of the one about them naming one of Man-chester's universities in his honour: UMIST. Previously appended to Ted MacDougall, Garry Birtles, Terry Gibson and Alan Brazil, this gag is ritually wheeled out for any Manchester United striker who has difficulty striking his intended target. And thus, as Matthew Simmons will attest, it has never been applied

Edwards glories in the leap of the faithful

A wondrous year, which was capped by vesterday's award of an MBE, has not turned the head of a down-to-earth new sporting hero, says **Geoffrey Beattle**

onathan Edwards is a remarkable athlete. In the World Championships in Gothenburg in August. he broke the world record for the triple jump not once but twice in successive jumps. And yet he describes his triple-jump accomplishments as

"jumping a long way into a sand-pit".

He seems to play down his achievements to a bizarre level. This kind of language makes it all sound like child's play, which clearly it is not. Jonathan is also a committed Christian in a world, in his words, "con-somed by Satan". So when we met in Newcastle for Radio Five Live, I wanted to find out who this Jonathan Edwards really was, this enigma who seems to find it difficult - psychologically speaking - to take in all his world-class achievements.

The starting point was to ask what he thinks about when he is waiting to jump all that way, into the sand-pit. "I'm not aware of anything times," he said. "It's not like Mike Powell, the long jumper; he goes through a visualisation process - for the first six strides, he's like a raging bull, then he's like a gazelle and then finally he's like a leopard. But with me there's nothing like that. I

This makes it all sound very easy, so does this extreme mental focus just come naturally to him? "I've worked on the whole mental side of things in my weight-training in particular. There's a lot going on in the gym, a lot of outside influences, people chatting away, wanting to take my attention from what I'm doing and I try to focus on that lift and cut every-

thing else off.
"The guy that I work with on my weight-training tells me to just talk with my mouth and not with my head, just forget about what everybody's saying and just get on. That's been ingrained in me - I was good at it anyway, but it's just become slightly more formalised through my training. But it is a quite natural thing.

'I'm very different now from what I was. What's developed over the past two or three years in me is the capacity to be independent. I used to be very worried all the time about what people thought of me. But now I've become much more able to make a decision based on what I feel I should do, regardless of anyone else. I can now go down a line which I believe is right and go for something without worrying what everybody else is thinking. There's a verse in the Bible, in Proverbs, which says that the fear of man is a snare - if you are so worried about



get on the runway, I am 100 per cent One jump ahead: 'My philosophy is to glorify God in what I do. I've always had strong Christian beliefs', says Jonathan Edwards into it and then off I go."

what everybody else is thinking you just end up tying yourself in knots." Was he very hesitant before making any decisions in the past? "Verv much so. I was a bit of a girl's blouse to be honest, a bit woofy as a boy, if I can use that expression. My dad or mum will disagree with me, but I was very diffident. I didn't like to do things on my own. I wouldn't even

read a lesson in church in public, I'd

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he so nervous about what people might think.

I've probably just developed as a person in the past two or three years. I had a wonderful upbringing but it was quite sheltered in many respects. I've developed since I've left home and moved up to Newcastle after university in 1987."

It was then time to reflect on Gothenburg and the World Champ-ionships. He had just broken the could do it all again and more in the next jump?

"I've always got a very good idea of how I feel physically and whether or not I'm going to jump well. With the second jump. I knew that I was still focused and physically I was still up for it. So I knew I could still jump well, but with the third jump I knew nothing was going to happen. It's like that in training. I get to the point in a train-ing session, when I'm on the end of a run-up and I know, no matter what

I do. it's not going to happen."

1995 was an absolutely remarkable year for him. Was there any indication that it was going to be quite so outstanding? "No. 1994 was a very bad year, following on from a good 1993. I'd trained very hard, but then I got glandular fever. So at the end of 1994. I had a long rest. A lot of people are very sceptical about virus-es and think that maybe you are making it all up - you've just had a bad year and you're trying to blame it on something. So I went into my winter training for 1995 in January very lowkey, with no great expectations. I was still not totally sure in my own mind that I was 100 per cent physically fit. I wasn't sleeping particularly well. I was obsessed with my pulse - because I know that once my pulse goes below 60 I'm OK. I went to America jumped in the European Cup. Roger

world record - did he think that he in February and things started to turn around a little bit then, mentally, and then I started to train really well my weights improved, my jumping was good in training. So I thought I was going to have a good season, but

not to the level that I did have." How easy it was for him to suddenly find himself transmogrified into the world champion and the world record holder; the BBC Sports Personality of the Year; an idol to

"I think my way of coping with it is that it's still somewhere away in the distance and I'm just getting on with what I normally did. I look at it and Liust shake my head and think that's incredible and I'm very thankful for what's happened. But I feel like exactly the same person, I don't feel any different. It's weird, it's still weird. I've never really talked to anybody about this. But take the likes of Linford Christie - he gives the impression that he was born to greatness and that it's no great surprise that he's doing what he is doing, yet for me it is an enormous surprise. I sometimes wonder if I can do it all again."

Edwards's religious convictions are well known. Did, then, he feel extremely lucky about the events of the past year or blessed in some way? "I do feel blessed. After I'd Black said to his coach: Twe got to get God, he said, 'it's obviously working. I believe God has blessed me and it's ultimately because of His plan and purpose that I am where I am today and that I've done what I've

done. I'm thankful in that respect." Did he pray for sporting success? "Yeah I didn't used to but I have done. I've asked God to make me successful. I do want to win and I'm honest with that, but at the same

time, it's not everything." Have there been any pitfalls to aying for success? "Oh, there can be. I ve no guarantee that prayers are going to be answered. There are certain things that the Bible makes clear if you pray for you can expect answers, but success isn't one of them. But my philosophy of life is to glorify God in what I do. I've always held strong Christian views. When I was six, my mum said that I came to her and said that I'd asked Jesus into my

For someone who feels the pres ence of God so much at work in his everyday life, did he also feel the presence of the devil at work throughout society.

"Very much so, It's stated very clearly in the Bible but I look around and see the type of world that we live in and, yes. I do see it - with all the injustice and poverty in the world. I

So I had no problem with competing on a Sunday, but I started to wonder what people might think of the reversal of my decision. I'd made such a stand over not competing on a Sunday. But this is perhaps where the idea of being independent comes in. I thought that people should make their own decisions, based on what they see of me as a person." Perhaps this decision to start psychological development?

conscience. Through my own Bible

study. I came to realise that it wasn't

necessary to have this Sabbath when I didn't do any sport. I'm still very

much in agreement with the rest principle on Sunday, but it wasn't

something that was obligatory for me.

competing on a Sunday was an important stepping-stone in his own "I think it probably was. For ex-

ample, my parents were not for the decision and, given the strong influence that they have had over me. it was quite a big thing for me to go ahead and do it regardless.

But how easy was it to live with this dramatic turn-about? How did it feel to compete for money on the Sab-

Well, actually it was the European Cup so it wasn't strictly for money. I didn't actually get paid, so that complicating factor was removed. The funny thing is that on my first jump I had a massive foul, My foot must have been two inches over the board and they gave it to me. So draw your

own conclusions. Was it a religious him to be sailing through the air further than any mortal before? His answer was an emphatic no.

"God is very much part of it, but it's not a religious experience. My feelings out on the track are very similar to most other athletes - a mixture of lear, of excitement, of wanting to do welf. I must point out that I've always felt that I was equally blessed when things weren't going well, because these periods have given me the critical perspective so that I don't get carried away with what's happened this year. The down times that I've had, not qualifying for the Olympies in 1992 and the virus in 1994, have been the most incredible times of personal character development, particularly of spiritual growth. I look on these periods as preparing me for the success that I've

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ure you can say: I'm no good.

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throwyourself totally on to God. But

with success comes power - people

want to listen to my opinions and you can start thinking: Oh yeah, actually,

'I believe God has

it's because of His

where I am today

I know quite a lot. Vanity is a pow-

One intriguing aspect of Edwards'

faith was his decision to abandon his

principle of never competing on a

Sunday, the day of rest. He missed

the 1991 World Championships be-

cause of this religious principle, but

in 1993 he had suddenly, and quite

unexpectedly, changed his mind.

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erful vice.

Finally, what of Edwards's future in athletics and beyond?

"I think that I could possibly earry on until the Olympies in 2000, But, being an athlete, you've always got to be flexible with your plans - an injury could come along and you could lose form. I feel that I'd like to be involved full-time in Christian work of some description. At the moment. I'm doing a theology degree by distance learning, so that when I do retire as an athlete I will have a qualification which might open doors in other areas."

Geoffrey Beamie is professor of psechology at Manchester University, His series of interviews with leading sports personalities, Head to Head, cominues with Jonathan Edwards on Radio "It's very much a question of Five Live tomorrow at 8.05pm.

NEW FACES FOR '96: Germany's latest golfing sensation has proved himself over the toughest terrain, says Tim Glover

Cejka shows he has the head for major heights

host to one of his favourite products) on the grounds that they thought he was a skinhead. Bernhard Langer would not have had that trouble, but in 1996 Cejka should have no problerns gaining entry to almost anything.

Perhaps it is his background, but in the course of the European Tour if he had attempted to live the life of a fugitive, he could hardly have changed his appearance more effectively. When Cejka won the Turespaña Open in Andalucia last March, his hair was long enough to accommodate a ponytail; when he won the Hohe Brucke Open in Austria in August, he had the makings

agreement with his coach, Peter

Karz: they would both go for the Yul Admission to the Munich Beer Brynner look if he won two tour-festival (his home city playing naments. They had the close shave when they returned to Germany and by the time of the Volvo Masters in October, Cejka just about had enough hair to avoid being mistak-en for one of those dummies that remain intact when a Volvo crashes into a wall. In short, he is not so much the face for '96 as the head.

Cejka grew up in Communist Czechoslovakia and was introduced to golf, like so many impressionable youngsters, by his father, an engineer and a 16 handicapper at the local course in Marianske Lazne, a notable spa town. The club was once the Wentworth of its day, but went into decline under the hammer and sickle party, who have never re-Earlier in the season, he had an garded golf as a suitable ideologi-

In 1980, aged nine, Cejka and his father, under the pretence of going on holiday to Yugoslavia, fled to Germany. Two years later, when the German Open came to Frankfurt, Cejka was there. "I remember seeing Bernhard Langer. He walked right by me and I looked up to him as a big star. He's still my hero. It is hard to believe that I now play in the same tournaments and play practice rounds with him."

Cejka, a scratch amateur at 16, gained his card at the fifth attempt. but had been successful on the Challenge Tour, winning the Czech Open twice. He was beginning to make an impression in 1994 with a couple of top 10 finishes, but then suffered a series of setbacks. He was out of action for five weeks with sunstroker was disqualified from the Mercedes

time due to a traffic jam on the au-tohahn and missed the Czech Open because of food poisoning.

The Turespaña Open was where Cejka arrived. He was the only player to avoid straying over par for all four days and won the tournament by three strokes from Costantino Rocca. That was his maiden Tour victory and his second success, in the Austrian Open, was even more spectacular. Cejka opened with a course record of 61. 11 under par, and continued to post record aggregates for two, three and four rounds. He was never headed and finished four strokes clear of the field with 267, 21 under par.

His exploits in Austria coincided with the US PGA Championship in Los Angeles, where most of the leading Europeans were competing. German Masters for missing his tee However, for the Volvo Masters, the

end of season showpiece, the cream had settled at Valderrama, Ceika, having never finished in Europe's top 100, was making his debut in the championship. All eyes were on the denouement to the season-long duel between Colin Montgomerie and Sam Torrance, with Langer the only other player capable of winning the Order of Merit.

Big Monty duly won the war by finishing second, but the tournament belonged to Ceika. Valderrama is consistently voted the leading course in continental Europe and any professional breaking the par of 71 can congratulate themselves. Cejka went round in 74, 66, 72 and 70 for an aggregate of 282, two under par. He finished two strokes ahead of Montgomerie, three ahead of Torrance and four ahead of his hero. Lauger. Turning for home, Cejka was not

the 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 18th, He finished sixth in the Order of Merit. The previous year he was 102nd, From winning a total of just 1258 in 1989, he had carnings in 1995 of £308,000.

One of the reasons for his emergence is that he worked for hours, sometimes until 3am, at an indoor course in Munich. Another is that, according to the official statistics, he is the best putter on the Tour with

an average per green of 1.69. Cejka, who was 25 a couple of weeks before Christmas, appears to have the temperament and resolve to be a cut above. He will now be able to play on the major stage for the first time, and Valderrama beckons for the Ryder Cup there in 1997, Before then, the Munich Beer festival owes him a few rounds.



As another intriguing 12 months draw to a close, Jim White and Matt Tench consider how it could have been all so different

SPORT IN '95: AN ALTERNATIVE VERSION

Eric Cantona had suffered a bout of flu in late January?

was a brave virus, the the bug which laid Eric Cantona low on the night of 25 January 1995. Not a lot gets between Eric and his football without being called a "shitbag" or having a pair of size nines, all studs up, shoved into their face, but flu managed it, keeping him out of the Premiership game against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park: and there is nothing existential about being stuck at home with a towel wrapped round the head and your face in a hasin full of Vic.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, was unhappy at the time: Cantona had been flying until then, in the midst of a run of form which culminated in him scoring the winner the previous week against Blackburn; Ferguson was disappointed not to be able to pair his new signing. Andy Cole, with the man he assumed would supply him with the chances to convert. But young Paul Scholes stepped in and scored the winner in an unattractive 2-1 battle, striding past Palace's Richard Shaw, who looked a bit confused about who he should have been marking on the night.

Cantona returned to the side a fortnight later to lead United through a season of unprecedented success. He was everywhere: passing, prod-ding, scoring, picking up his own double - the PFA Player of the Year and the Football Writers' Player of the Year as United positioned them-selves to win the double for the second year running. Nothing seemed to stand in their way: with the League won by an astonishing 11 points (Cantona scoring all four in the 4-0 home win against Chelsea which sealed it), United faced Everton in the FA Cup final. And it was there that things

went peat-shaped...



The photograph that never was: how it might have looked at the FA Cup final at Wembley in May if Eric Cantona had made contact with the Prince of Wales

something in Mururoa and the second United player) to head-butted the Scotsman, an be dismissed in Cup final his-It was midway through the action which led to a 21-man second half, with United trailing to a Paul Rideout header, it out - as with most things conthat it all went wrong for Cancerning United, he assumed he
sublime skills could allow

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mouthed and racist remark Wales, temporarily out of his suggested hanging was too good from the stands. Cantona on seal after returning from a visfrom the stands. Cantona, on his way back to the dressing-

seat after returning from a visit to the gents.

As Cantona was tried for treason, the reaction was exthat it all went wrong for Cantona. Enraged by a verbal slight from Duncan Ferguson. the Frenchman detonated like the Frenchman detonated like the state of the place in the p

viewed in the Manchester Evening News, said: "You can't condone what the lad did, but

the Frenchman's mobile phone number. The consequences for United, as Cantona began his three-year sentence for assault on the royal prerogative, were

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The Princess of Wales had taken a shine to **Brian Moore instead** of Will Carling?

Yesterday, England's most-capped hooker talked for the first time of the extraordinary relationship he had forged with Wales's leading Princess. The pair met, he said, when Diana happened upon the wine importers where Moore, the erstwhile wine critic of Today newspaper, does most of his pre-match training.

"She was looking for some-thing crisp and light," he re-vealed. "But I was able to steer her in the direction of something a little more full-bodied." The relationship soon flourished, with secret li-aisons at his local Oddbins.

Within weeks I was advising her on ports," he claimed. And I'd introduced her to Australian, even Chilean vintages. Which was something of a whole new world to her." But it was not all one-way

The Princess likes to help those less fortunate than herself, particularly the physical-ly scarred," Moore continued. "So she said she found me a challenge. Frankly, after my experience in the England dressing-room, I just found it a comfort when someone was

prepared to listen to me. "Also, thanks to her contacts with Princess Anne, she was able do wonders for my Scots-

people phobia. Soon, the Moore became much the merrier, until eventually he was photographed leaving a Thresher wine store 30 seconds after the Princess. But in the end, he was forced to call a halt to their relation-

It was not so much the man-to-man chats with the skipper, Will Carling, or the pressure of the paparazzi, or even the constant mobile phone calls ("her pet name for me was Scrummy," he revealed). It was a dispute over

rugby.

She was tactically very naive," he said. "Her second

Shane Warne had been English?

The year began promisingly Raymond Illingworth's pronouncement that "playing an untried wrist spinner is just the sort of gamble those boogers would love to see us take - and I know a thing or two about spin bowling."

So Warne was dispatched on the A tour of India, where to general surprise he proved highly successful. In the first Test, he took 14 wickets and ter their 3-1 humiliation Down

had the locals drooling. The Indian manager's declaration spinner with over 20 years eager to laud an Englishman for Shane Warne. His exclu-sion from the England tour that the could be the best spinparty to Australia had caused ner of his generation", conthe odd rumble of discon-sidered a little OTT even by his tent, but most commentators English admirers, was greeted found it hard to disagree with with a raspberry from Illingdia," he said, "and I know a thing or two about spin bowl-

> hauls of 11 and 13 wickets in the other two Tests and returned to England a unional hero. Which was more than you can say about England af-

an average of more than 40. worth. "Anyone can take a few wickets on a good day in Inof a mistake. "If Warne had worse. And I know a thing or

Warne followed this up with

more experience than Warne. played in three of the five Tests, collecting 10 wickets at Illingworth, however, refused played, it would have been even

two about spin bowling."

Warne, of course, had been touted for international recognition ever since he took a record 135 wickets as a 19year-old for Derbyshire seconds in 1989. His prodigious haul soon attracted media at- Derbyshire's future.

eager to laud an Englishman who appeared genuinely capable of spinning the ball, while the tabloids concentrated on the rather less genuine colour of his peroxide locks.

With his county beached in mid-table in the County Championship, there were calls for Warne's elevation to the first team, but as the clamour grew, the committee issued a statement saying: "Shane agrees that it would not be in his best interests to rush him at the moment, but we are sure he will be an exciting part of

A local newspaper report a pint that we would "love a crack at the first-class nancy boys" was met with a somewhat contradictory denial a few dayş later.

team the following season was impeded by rumours of club concern about his attitude. which they insisted amounted to more than an aversion to the an impact: alternatively the vicgold stud Warne had had inserted in his left ear. By the end of the season, though, Warne was a fixture in the Derhyshire first team, and proving virtually unplayable.

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SCOTTISH TENNENT'S REGIONAL LEAGUE

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As the 1995 summer tour by that Warne had confided over South Africa got under way, the calls for Warne's inclusion in the full Test side reached gale force. Illingworth began by insisting be would not be rushed into anything, but then picked Warne for His progress into the first the first Test, insisting: 'Td always thought this would be his

> about spin bowling."
> However, he failed to make tim of under-use or being called into service when the batsmen were in full flow. After three unproductive Tests, Illingworth grumbled about his attitude, and wondered aloud whether he

year. And I know a thing or two

had been rushed into Test cricket too soon.

He was dropped for the fi-

nal Test, but was chosen for the tour of South Africa after another all-conquering county season. However, after two more productive Tests, Warne was dropped, with Illingworth letting it be known that Warne had as much chance of playing in the final Test as Phil Tufnell. Meanwhile, Mark Ramprakash, a fixture in the Australian side since his debut as an 18-year-old, averaged 53.55 in another prodigious year of Test cricket. But that's

Michael Schumacher had been in the

best car?

He would have won all 16 races in the Formula One season.

Monica Seles had won the US Open?

Every other woman tennis player would have retired.

Quotes of the week

All he did in the game was get two of us booked. Vinnie Jones is less than impressed with

Chase, Norwich's chairman, puts on a unconcerned air despite fairs' persistent protests. The circus came to town but the lions and tigers just didn't turn up. Kevin Keegan puts on a ringmaster's hat after Newcastle's defeat at Old Trafford. They'll suck with us. I'm sure. They've got no spunk. Dan McCauley, Plymouth chairman, sums up the chairmen of the First Division clubs as they debated whether to quit the Football League.

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two of us booked. Virnie Jones is less than impressed with Ruud Gullit.

My two pot-bellied pigs don't yelp as much as Ruud Gullit.

Jones is even less impressed with the Dutchman after a day's consideration.

On this occasion Vinnie let himself, the rest of the team, the whole club and me down. Sedon down. There is no truth in the rumour that he's nicked the Ireland job off me. A cheeky Mick Mocarthy follows Mark Mc Gheem to a press conference.

I stepped up to bat and cashed that cheque. Kevin Williams, of the Dallas Cowboys, mixes his games and his metaphors. At home we talk about Chinstmas presents and next year's summer holiday. What we don't talk about is what is happening at Carrow Road. Robert Chase, Norwich's chairman, puts on a unconcerned air desider with the look.

Today's pools check Off: Matches postponed road weather

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Murreyleid Royals (7.0); Paisley Pirates v Soll-hulf Barons (7.0); Swindon Wilders v Guild-ford Flames (5.30); Telford Tigers v Peterborough Plastet (7.30).

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The percent of Teletext viewers who voted for Eric Cantona as their Player of the Year. The Manchester United striker out of action for much of the time because of his worldwide ban from football - received one per cent more votes than second-placed Robbie Fowler,

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Padre and Brooks warm to their task

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checked suits and the canary gaberdine in preparation for watching Packe Mio run, he will he wore when the gelding won

last decision he ever makes. For when Padre Pio was victorious at Clairefontaine last summer, Brooks was wearing natty shorts, prompting Pierre Lependry, the chairman of the course, to comment: "Congratulations. With the winnings you'll be able to afford some long trousers for your next vis-

it to my racecourse." Brooks will be a rare beast indeed this weekend, a British trainer able to watch one of his opportunity. In terms of unlikely string in action on surf when Padre Pio returns over La Manche for the Prix Alain de Breil over two miles and one Murphy's old yard near Taunton furlong at Cagnes sur Mer. after being forced from his pre-The Old Etonian will be advised vious base at Newport. is for rain at the French track.

mount faces Akwaba, who is one of the best hurdlers in France. This could be a very dangerous. After Cagnes, the seven-year-old weekend for Charlie Brooks. As will continue on to Pisa, where the Lambourn trainer slides he will winter for six weeks with through his wardrobe, past the stablemate Couldn't Be Better before returning for an assault on the Champion Hurdle.

That racing in Britain suffers be tempted to select the attire its fifth consecutive blank day today and even Wolverhampton's before. If he does it will be the double-header of afternoon and

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: What's The Verdict (Wolverhampton 1.25) NB: Loch Style (Wolvernampton 9.00)

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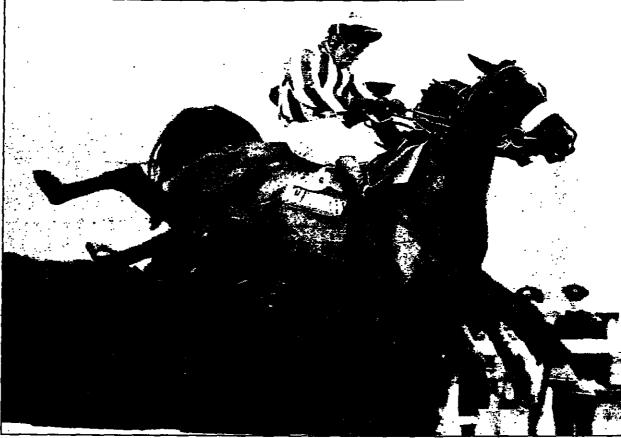
danger from the freeze.

If the fixture on Fibresand goes ahead, Rod Simpson in-tends to make the most of the comebacks, Simpson has only Captain Scarlet for competition and he now fights out of Ferdy

race won by the stable's All Jeff Jack Frost willing, will be at five years ago, Graham Bradley's Leopardstown, where all four mount faces Akwaba, who is one days of the Christmas Festival were lost this week. The course hopes to stage some of the abandoned races this weekend. starting with today's card which contains many names that will be part of the travelling caravan to Cheltenham in March.

Aidan O'Brien's That's My

Man should advertise his Festival prospects, while the race of the day is between Klairon Davis and Strong Platinum, who has to give the Arkle Chase winner 51b. Tomorrow's Leopardstown offering should be no less informative, with some quality athletes being drawn to the De-cember Hurdle. O'Brien has prospects with Hotel Minella, who takes on the lightly raced Balawhar and another irregular performer in Montelado, who, like Santa's reindeer, seems to



manage just one outing a year. Klairon Davis, the Arkle Trophy winner, faces a stiff test against Strong Platinum today

Political heavyweight in the saddle to lead racing

Lord Wakeham, the former and whose term of office ends governing authority for British the ranks of the racing industry leader of the Conservatives in both Houses of Parliament, is to become the new Chairman of the British Horseracing Board. After less than a year as a director of racing's governing body, he has been appointed to succeed Lord Hartington, who

in June next year.

Lord Wakeham, 63, joined the Board in June as a nomince of the Industry Committee and was the only nominee for racing's top post which he will hold for four years from 7 June.

racing. Lord Wakeham's experience in business and politics - he was also a racehorse owner with Stan Mellor in the 1970s marked him out as a potential chairman once he had won his seat on the main board.

However, he hopes his successor can emerge from within would like to see the next chair- government."

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12.45 BORD NA GAELGE CHRISTMAS HUR-DLE £10,000 added 3m

1.15 1ST CHOICE NOVICE HURDLE £20,000

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1.45 CHELTENHAM GOLD CARD HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier) £8,000 added 3m

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LEOPARDSTOWN

HYPERION

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iron Davis 2.45 Betterbebob 3.15 Rough Quest

STEWARDS' INSPECTION: 7am

12.15 TOTE ACCOUNT FESTIVAL HURDLE £4,500 added 3YO 2m

during his term in charge.

"I think this is an important position partly because Stoker Hartington has been such a success in driving the whole thing forward. It is important that the BHB now comes to maturity.

"At the end of the day I

man come from any section of the industry and hope we can produce a man or woman who can do the job. Secondly, the finances of the sport are still pretty dodgy in spite of the welcome reduction in betting duty. A lot of things can be done to improve things on a financial basis and not just by looking to the

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Standard 9st 3th. BETTIME: 3-1 Consharon, 5-1 Floor Rom, No When To Rim, 7-1 Clabade Rose, 8-1 Amadet, 10-1 Panters Bar, Rosedwood, 12-1 others

2.15 MCCAIN HANDICAP CHASE £20,000 added 2m 2f

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Who's To Say 9st 7th. BETTHIG: 5-4 Khairon Davis, Strang Platinum, 8-1 On So Grumpy, Second Schedual, 16-1 Who's To Say

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3.15 PADDY POWER HANDICAP CHASE £72,000 added 3m

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3.45 LEOPARDSTOWN ANNUAL RADGE FLAT RACE £4,500 added 2m

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Second victory in sight for **Australia** Cricket

sport

Australia 500-6 dec Sri Lanka 233 and 284-6

Australia gradually wore down Sri Lanka's spirited resistance yesterday to move within sight of victory in the second Test in Melbourne, despite a tenacious

century by Asanka Gurusinha. The left-hander frustrated Australia for seven minutes short of six hours in reaching his highest Test score of 143 to save Sri Lanka from a second successive innings defeat against the Australians. However, with only four wickets in hand and a lead of 17, their fate appears sealed. At the close, Sri Lanka were

284 for 6 with Arjuna Ranatunga, the captain, their last recognised batsman, on six alongside the pace bowler Chaminda Vaas, on five.

Resuming on 33 for 1. Sri Lanka batted with determina-tion to ensure Australia must bat again to take a winning 2-0 lead in the three-Test series.

Gurusinha, who began the day on eight, hammered one six and 15 fours during an innings lasting 274 balls. He eventually out after tea when he fell leg before to Paul Reiffel.

(Fourth day: Australia won toss)
AUSTRALIA - First Intalogs 500 for 6 dec (S.R.Waugh 131no, D.C.Boon 110, R.T.Ponting 71)

no late: G P Wickerhearing P, M Mutalida, Rowling: McDermott 1.7-1.54-1; McGrath 27-5-73-0; Reiffel 20-7-59-2; Warne 30-6-67-2; M E Waugh 9-1-19-1; Unipires: D Harr and S Dunne (NZ). The Sri Lankan Board of

Control for Cricket is to ask its Australian counterpart to ensure that the umpire Darrell Hair does not control any of their remaining tour matches in Australia, after he no-balled their off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan for throwing.

Sayonara says farewell

to record

Salling STUART ALEXANDER

Six hours outside the 20-year old record, but to huge crowds, Larry Ellison's new maxi, Sayonara, made her way to Constitution Dock in Hobart, Tasmania, yesterday to win the 1995 classic

offshore race from Sydney. In the early part of the 630mile dash to the south, everything conspired to help them beat the time of two days, 14 hours, 36 minutes and 56 seconds set by Jim Kilroy in 1975. In the latter part, everything conspired against, the wind turning from a helpful push from behind to a nose-bashing stopper from the

front, before dying completely.

That made the time of three days, 53 minutes and 35 seconds all the more creditable, and showed the desirability which races of this kind offer to big-boat sailors around the world. It also kept the purse of AUS\$250,000 (£120,000) offered by the sponsor, Telstra, safely in

the bank. "We thought we had a great shot at the record, but the wind gods said no," Ellison said afterwards. "But that was an unbelievable experience and I would do it again." Less sure was his co-billion-

aire crewman, Rupert Murdoch. It was, he agreed, "a lot bigger a race than 30 years ago" when he did it four times in his ketch, Ilina. He might return with his own maxi in a couple of years "if my sons get interested in sailing". Second was George Snow's

Australian maxi Brindabella, adrift by two hours, and third was Peter Walker's Amazon. Meanwhile, the rest of the near 100strong fleet was also coping with calms which could throw the results of their own efforts into the air after the handicap corrections were applied to their times.

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He said yesterday: "I am dehas steered the BHB through its opening two and a half years lighted and very flattered to be appointed as chairman of the

FORM GLIDLE

Certain Way is the one numer who can be said to be at form having beatan Mapte Bay a neck over course and distance lest time, with DREAM CARRIER Record on from a long way off the pace to be fourth, beaten about fine lengurs. Certain Way has every chance of confirming that superiority, but Dream Camer showed encouragers signs of coming back to form and, if he does not get left behind, will surely make a case of it on 5th better terms. He way not be the force he wise at the start of the year when with David Berron, but he has dropped to a very good mark having despipolated for John O'Stree and with not need to be at his best to wan this. It's So Easy is prother to have taken a big drop in the ratings, as he is bus stone lower than when writing over this tip for Mark Johnston in July last year. He was leasing on well when just over three lengths third to Scissor Ridge at Lingfield last time on his first start ince August to give encouragement for today. Dr Calligani did not run up to his best on his first start after leaving lack Seny's yard when fourth to Lotie Scartert. Perhaps he will have benefited from it but he remains a maden after plenty of opportunities. Blooks could be given a chance judged sinctly on his fourth to Lotie Rorr in a sa-furling distinct here less time but has been disappointing otherwise this year.

Selection: PREAM CARRIER

2.55 HARD WORKING STABLE STAFF SELLING STAKES (CLASS 6) £3,250 added 6f Penalty Value £2,259

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SETTING: 9-4 Styr Tolent, 7-2 See Dovil, 6-1 Montague Daveson, 10-1 At The Servy, Sense of Pri-ority, 14-1 Live Project, 18-1 Others. FORM GUIDE

FORM SUIDE

STAR TALENT must be worth a chance in this grade on his first start for Gay Nalleway. The four-year-old, a smart performer when with Dawy Elsworth, has obviously had his problems, but it was as recent as April of this year that he won a conditions race at Vianweik and he will not need to be anywhere near his best to win this. The fact that he acts on soft ground glass encouragement as far as his ability to handle this surface goes. Veterain See Devil is in his element at this soct of eace but has not bean out since beating Ruper's Princess over this tipp at Southwell in May. Seesse Of Priority also has a long absence to overcome but could be fancial if he is reasonably fit. At The Sarvey will appreciate the return to Fibresand after a run down the field at Lingfield. He is closely matched with Montague Dawson jodged on Southyell nursing behand Most Upptly leaf morth. Live Project's bett runs since coming to this country from instand have been on Lingfield's Equitrack, notably a second to Set The Fishion, but he cannot be ignored in this grade.

Selection: STAR TALENT

3.25	SNOWSTORM HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV II) £3,650 added im if 79yds Penalty Value £2,701
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	SCENT OF PORER (207) (Gareth Gregory) N Babbage 5 8 4P P Norphy (5) 7
	Wing REQUEST (198) All Manor States) Marc Cay Kellaway 5 7 13
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	- 12 declared -
SETURA: 7-4	Calder King, 4-1 Cantain Managalade, 5-1 English th, 6-1 Warthand, 7-1 By The Bay.

FORM CLEDE

WAR REQUERN can easily be considered in this open and moderately contested handicap with only one below him in the weights. There is every chance Smeleriek will lead from the outside draw and this gleding is not without a chance. But a stayer such as Wer Requern can come are and Ammy Qurin is a good boolong for Gay Kelleway's charge. It should be remembered he was a dual witner for Toby Batting two years ago and this slower surface may suit him better than Linglied's Equitrack, where he had runs in August and September and now off a lower therdicap mark. There is no couse winner in the need and East-leigh has done his winning on Linglied's Equitrack so could be a chancey proposition on this surface. Calder King has a big weight and loois beatable on his course third to Renjamins Law last month. Warfmant is a Riversand maiden whore at Southwell but needs to brush aside a lengthy layoff, while Seast Of Power lines up after a recent un over hurdles and his showed improved from to beat a big field at Nottingham in May. By The Bay has recently been over shorter trips on Equitack. She could well do better today over this trip with Seb Sonders pooled, Chamile-Opont-Sarf can be given a chance on his timt to Sweet Susposin in a clarrer here two ournigs ago and was over a shorter trip on Equitack next time. Capitala, Marmallade, a dual al-weather winner, and Children's Cholce, who was over hurdles lest time our, can be expected to figure if running up to their best.

3.55 BLACK ICE CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) (DIV II) £3,150 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £2,363 400040- FROMTER PLISET (ISSA) (SRR) Alest 1.C Schild Mas 1. Schild 59
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— 9 departes — BETTHE: 9-4 Sepont Suppose, 11-4 Heighth of Plane, 5-1 Frontier Flight, 6-1 El Nido, 8-1 Germin Leather, 10-1 HIT Parts Rade, 14-1 others. PORM SURDE El. NEOO has proven stamina so gets the 'nodo' over Sweet Supposto. Sweet Supposto: a home with a turn of foot and has won here four times. But the wins were gained over shorter trips and P Nido can beat him getting 10th. El Nido has won four times on Southwell's Phrestand and looks just the type for this tim after lating over longer journeys. He has won over further but 12 furlongs still looks his best distance. Relights of Fame looks before than Ruther-J (has been over hurdles) on his course second to the Improved Opera Buff, who has won swice since.

4.25 CEEFAX HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV II) £3,150 added 77 Penalty Value £2,326 CHEMISTRY SHARE IS 7to better off for the four lengths by which Honesithy best her over course and destance 18 days ago and the opera up a chiek of hope for lack Beny's the course and destance 18 days ago and the opera up as a chiek of hope for lack Beny's the pointer writer. Their has less Chabbing Beng's that since an Ayr russiny in September, does pointer writer their has consistent and the sentent attended to the state of the sentent and will not go under writer a fight. Benney Maletar has cost any the seven throngs well and will not go under writer a fight. Benney Maletar has come an extended mits near but is only a plater and Weetmans Weight is probably best own due an extended mits near but is only a plater and Weetmans Weight is probably best own due an extended mits near but is only a plater and Weetmans Weight is probably best own due an extended mits near but is only a plater and Weetmans Weight is probably best own due an extended his as a charine on his Benney (September) second to Downsed by an Europe. The Weet has a charine on his Benney (September) second to Downsed by an Europe. The Weet has a charine on his Brook and the BR Of A Buther has the only one five futions.

BETTING: F-2 lignar Boy, 4-1 Moody, Quinti Hartin, 9-2 Sepentit, 5-1 Super Benz, 6-1 Northern Gray, 10-1 test's Clasics, 20-1 Relabous Ringsody. FORM GUIDE

After a sound effort here lest month SPERRAT has surprisingly been besten over shorter trips on two subsequent starts. A Bath claimer wither in June, Superbit looks best judged on that course found to Le Pothe Fusee when he stayed on strongly over today's trip. Agreem Bey was second to Certain Way over the course and distance lest month, but he looks up against it at the exhipte with Josh's Choles (several and three with on this course) being 22th better off, and Quincil Martin fast of 12th enjoying a storie puit. Quincil Martin selection of the second to Four Of Spades at Lingfield. This is more his surface (six wins on Fibresand) and Quincil Martin must rate a big threst. Old Separe Bears and be since over his best trip and he has shore on the send at Southwell. He looks better then the claimer ridge! Moody, who looks risky on the surface.

Selections SUPERBIT

WOLVERHAMPTON Evening

HYPERION 7.00 Cretan Gift (nb) 7.30 Maple Bay 8.00 Balios 8.30 Cashmere Lady 9.00 Loch Style 9.30 Opera Buff MEETING UNCERTAIN TO TAKE PLACE

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Nonc.

LONG-DISTANCE ECONORDE: Second Colours (7.30) has been sent 170 miles by Mrs M Roveley (rom Lingdale, Cleveland; Opera Buff (9.30) sent 156 miles by Miss G Kellessay from Whitemple, Dosset. 7.00 TAREWELL 1995' HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,000 added 6f

7.30 NEW YEAR CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 1m 100yds 111522 SECOND COLOURS (18) (CD) Mrs M Revely 593 _ IX Duriny 3
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8.00 RESOLUTIONS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2YO 1m 1f 79yds

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8.30 HOGMANAY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,000 added 1m 1f 79yds

9.00 B & K BUILDING SERVICES SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 270 7f

9.30 OLD YEAR HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,000 added 1m 4f

to take that most British of ac-The trainer obviously excontrements, the umbrella, peets his horses to be as resilient when he starts his journey lat- as himself as Araboybill is deer this afternoon as the forecast clared for both today's cards at Dunstall Park. "He runs in It seems as though it will be both races," Simpson said. "And no more comfortable for Padre if there was another meeting I'd Mio, the winner of the Fighting run the bastard in that as well." Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle. In a By far the best quality racing, 12.55 Benjamins Law 2.55 STAR TALENT (nap) 3.25 Eastleigh 1.25 What's The Verdict 1.55 Weetman's Weigh 3.55 Sweet Suppo 4.25 Quinzii Martin 2.25 Certain Way MEETING UNCESTAIN TO TAKE PLACE DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER GOING: Sundard. STALLS: IT and I mof - outside, rest. - Inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: high from 6f to 1m 4f. Phicrosnal, left-hand, outside outse. Course is N of town on A44B. But service from Wolverhampton Enflway Station (service from London, Euston) I m. ADMISSRON: Entrince 58; additional 510 for entrance to Viewing Ressaurant; additional 515.90 for meal. CAR PARK: Free. ELEADING TRAINERS: R Hollischead — 33 winners from 220 runners gives a success ratio of 10.5% and a loss to a £1 level stake of £109.10; M Johnston — 29 winners, 190 runners, 22.6%, 4322.86; J Reiny — 29 winners, 186 runners, 15.6%, 4562.66; A Reiny — 20 winners, 165 from the 15.6%, 45.15. ELEADING JOCKETS: J Wester — 44 winners, 204 tides, 21.6%, +50.15; L Des ers,-204 tides, 21.6%, +\$0.15; L Det Dazier – 23 winners, 99 tides, 23.2% toni -- 20 winners, 140 rides, 21.4%, -622.70; E Darriey -- 23 wins +522.95; C Carrier -- 20 winners, 117 rides, 17.1%, -55.37 BLINERSED FIRST TIME: Boost (12.55, visor); Estabow Walk (1.25); Flanking Sabre (2.55, view). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEPEN DATE: None. 'LONG-DISTANCS EUNNERS: Measha (2.55) has been sent 177 mees by R Hoad-from Lewes, R Samer, Moody (4.25), Star Talent (2.55) & War Requiem (3.25) Sont 156 mees by Miss C Kellestry from Whittombe, Dorset. 12.55 SNOWSTORM HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV I) £3,650 added in 1f 79yds Penalty Value £2,713 also, 20-1 North Est, 14-1 others. 1984; To conseponding minding. FORGE SUIDE. FIRST BARNES runs for the first time strice winning at Nottingham in biby, but he might well strip it. The re-ligting of bibliers was one of the large to the Nottingham success and the fact that Steve Golings runs East Barns in birthers here to the Nottingham success and the fact that Steve Golings runs East Barns in birthers here an aggests that he is primed in run well. In addition, this somewhat unusual tith is fine for East Barns who won over an extended more himbings at Nottingham and is able to run here. Of the same handless printing. This surface should present no problems given that the gray has three all-weather wins at Southwell in his surface should present no problems given that the gray has three all-weather wins at Southwell in his postaled to add to three gains flust, but his November and December form shows him to be in great heart. Colones looks potentially well handlesped and there was a majeter more for loss. Specia filey at Lingdod 12 days ago when the vestment hands to be somewhell has become the statement hands to be suffered to the state of the 10 hadrons, but showed up well enough to be given an each-way drance here. Becament has become that to war with but he is which bearing in mind for a handlesp or claimer after November's Southwell second of 16 to Proof Music, white Becent Eff from handling and tred in a vison and dual course winner Donlas are plausible choices fire 18 Arch 18 an open starter. 125 BLACK ICE CLAMING STAKES (CLASS F) (DIV I) £3,150 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £2,363

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FOOTBALL: Things have gone right and then wrong for Rovers in 1995. Glenn Moore looks at Ewood Park's highs and lows

Blackburn misplace their fighting spirit

t is not known if any Blackburn players voted when Rudyard Kipling's "If" was chosen as the nation's favourite poem earlier this year, but few people will be as well-placed to appreciate its most commonly quoted sentiment.

In 1995, Rovers experienced the greatest highs and deepest lows (genuine tragedy apart) that the English game has to of-fer. In May, they won their first championship for 81 years, completing a four-year rise from the Second Division. By November, they were the laughing stock of Europe, a miserable Champions' League campaign reaching its nadir when Graeme Le Saux and David Batty traded punches in Moscow.

They have since won a game in Europe, but a 5-0 defeat by Coventry underlined their decline. They receive Tottenham at Ewood Park today, 17 points and nine places behind the leaders. The most obvious difference between last season and this is in the dug-out. Where Kenny Dalglish once stood, Ray Harford now sits. Under Harford, the team appears to have lost cohesion and commitment. There have even been chants of "Harford out" from the Rovers' supporters. It would be nice to hear

complex before the agreed time.

were there in April. Blackburn tottered over the finishing line like a marathon runner who had been asked to run a mile too far. Only Manchester United's failure to beat West Ham gave

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Since 4 April, when they gained a slightly fortuitous win at Queen's Park Rangers, Blackburn have won 14 and lost 17 of 37 matches. The away statistics are the most telling: played 20, lost 14, won two - both against Endsleigh

League opposition. Championships – and European competitions - are won away from home, that is where a team shows its character. That

For his part, Sutton is said to be unhappy with Harford's early March, Dalglish tried to stewardship. There is a feeling sign Trevor Sinclair. He failed among some players that the and the transfer deadline premanager has favourites: Shearer is particularly influential.

Since Shearer appears to be carrying the team virtually play a part in Europe. They are single-handed, one might say still waiting. Harford's only much. Harford has gone too he deserves to be heard. After summer signing was Matty one defeat this season when Holmes - he later said he re-Harford suggested the team gretted not bringing more playthank the supporters, Shearer ers in, but wished to give the responded along the lines of championship winners first shot. "never mind that, get us in the dressing-room and sort out ed. Within two months he what is going wrong".

The worst: Brawling in Moscow was the culmination of shown in his play. A few oth-

"If you can meet with Triumph Harford's defence of his record, obvious, the Moscow brawl un-and Disaster, And treat those two but having agreed to be inter-derlined that. But teams do not but having agreed to be inter-viewed at Blackburn's training have to like each other, there ground vesterday, he left the were players in the successful Liverpool team of the 1970s A case can be put in his ab-sence. The signs of decline er, but possessed a mutual respect and aim and backed each other up on the field. Jealousies and cliques only

become a problem when a team begins losing. Suddenly players do not make that extra effort for a team-mate; they do not make that covering run, or pull defenders out of position.

Within the Blackburn side. there are players whose attitudes could be defined as "new lad" - the ones who spent a sightseeing trip around Moscow telling rude jokes at the back of the bus. Others possess either a broader outlook on life or a more focused, professional one.

The most obvious outsider is Le Saux. Dressing-rooms are conservative places and any form of intellectualism is frowned upon. Le Saux reads the broadsheets, lives in a cottage he is renovating (rather than on a mock-Georgian estate), and writes of being upset by the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the Nigerian dissident (hardly a household name in dressing-rooms).

But while Le Saux is not especially close to the likes of Alan Shearer and Tim Flowers, they respect his ability and are nterested in his life outside the club. These are players who work on their game and are only concerned with Le Saux's contribution to the cause. However, others at Blackburn take

That is not the only divide. Chris Sutton in attack may not be entirely unconnected form - but not many. Injuries with his being Shearer's golf-have not helped, but the ing partner. Then again, it biggest problem has been the may have something to do absence of Jason Wilcox, eswith Harford being unim- pecially with Stuart Ripley out pressed by Sutton's approach. of form on the other wing.

If Shearer has sometimes regretted not going to Italy dur- beach in Spain thinking how ing the summer, it has not good it is to be champions". Photograph: Empics ers can be happy with their cellent signing in Lars Bohi- problem after their 1991/92 ti-



When Wilcox was injured in vented any further signings.

suggested some players still thought: "they were on the He has since made one ex-

one in Billy McKinlay. But his initial loyalty did lend weight to fears that the former coach was too close to the team. His reluctance to change also stemmed from not wishing to alter much. He admitted to BBC Radio Five Live last week that he studied Graeme Blackburn then gambled on Wilcox recovering in time to replaced Dalglish at Livermuch. Harford has gone too

far the other way. Both he and Souness may feel, privately, that Dalglish timed his departure wisely. Liverpool were an ageing team, Blackburn a functional one who lacked the flexibility required to succeed in Europe. There was also a sense that their high-energy, hardrunning style would be hard to maintain. Leeds had a similar

Dalglish is still at Rovers as director of football. Critics say he is doing nothing to justify the title, or the salary. Supporters point to his work with the youth system, an area chosen both because of a personal desire to develop young players and also to avoid interfering with Harford.

However his work may help Blackburn's future, he has let When the Champions' League draw was made, Harford looked forward to Dalglish's advice. "This is where Kenny will come into his own. He will fulfil his role as director of football and be our European

envoy," Harford said. This never happened and Blackburn went into Europe virtually blind. It showed. But Dalglish still gives the club what Harford calls "presence". With-

manager, emphasising neat

passing, clean living and fresh-ly combed hair with straight

partings in equal measure.

choice of the majority. Rioch

won the Highbury hordes over

with ease. It is customary in

Arsenal wage policy to attract him. Credibility was restored;

the message to the world

was: we're back and we mean

Stand up, Bruce Rioch.

Photograph: Empics

out him, they would revert to being another provincial club. Harford does not generate the same respect, not just because his reputation as a coach has yet to translate into managerial success, he also lacks resence". This is not entirely his fault - replacing Dalglish was an onerous task. He at least treats the impostors of triumph and disaster the same - witness his unsmiling reaction whether

from "If" also apply to him. "If you can keep your head when all about you Are losing theirs and blaming it on you

Rovers score or concede. We will

And if you can trust tourself vhen all men doubt you But make allowance for their

doubting too If you can bear to watch the things you gave your life to broken And stoop and build 'em up

...You'll be a man, my son!"

HEAT THEY SAID ABOUT BLACKBURN

The club has won nothing since I was a boy in short pants. I've dreamed of this moment since I stood on a wooden box on the old terraces. And that really is the nuts and bolts of everything I'm talking about... our players went out there to show the Blackburn Rovers supporters that they're going to be the best.

Jack Walker before the final match of last season

I have always felt there's a scriptwriter up on a cloud somewhere who has been penning Kenny's life story. He just seems to pop up in the most incredible places to create history. Gordon Strachan on Kenny

People think that Rovers were a struggling little club before Kenny [Dalglish] took over. But that's extremely unfair. had taken them to three playoffs in a row and I signed Col-in Hendry for £27,000. Don Mackay, who had guided Rovers to the brink of the Premiership before Kenny Datglish arrived.

I had a hollow feeling when Blackburn won the championship. It is vulgar slinging £60m at something and buying success that way. John Madejski, chairman of

What has happened here is a fairytale, little short of a miracle. People do not realise how far we have come. They really think we are up there with clubs like Liverpool and Man-chester United, just because we won the League. We are provincial club and it is going to take three years at the top before we even start comparing ourselves to these clubs. Ray Harford in the week before Blackburn's visit to Liverpool in September

Morale is very low...It wasn't until 3pm today, because we thought we'd maybe turned a comer. But it's another kick in the teeth and we have to show character now. They are not bad players, the majority of it is confidence. Ray Harford after the game at Anfield ended in a 3-0 defeat

I'm not saying the dream is over. And I'm not saying they won't win a trophy again this season. But I am absolutely staggered that they haven't made more use of Jack Walker's money, that they didn't strike while the Kevin Keegan in September

Before the match I told my players they will be playing against 11 guys ready to fight for each other for 90 minutes not with each other.

Oleg Romantsev, Spartak Moscow coach, after the Le Saux-Batty brawl in their Champions' League match against Blackbum

United use Prunier to help cut the lead

The holly and the rivalry of the Christmas programme have given way to days when minus 20 refers to a temperature rather than Bolton's goal difference. For all that, the festive spirit promises to prevail at Old

a disastrous European campaign

After Manchester United's victory in Wednesday's Prem- and a half years. iership summit meeting. Kevin Keegan described his Newcastle team as a circus without lions. By tonight, the top of the table could be more like a pantomime as Geordie voices bellow: "Behind you!"

United might have gone into the visit of Queen's Park Rangers 13 points adrift. They could close the gap to four. Newcastle's match at West Ham having fallen foul of the

With four centre-backs indisposed, the United manager, Alex Ferguson, has called up the French international William Prunier. A former

suspended, so Sutton and Warhurst are in line to be called up into the squad. Tottenham are beset with in-Arsenai v Wimbledon Bergkamp returns after a five-game absence with a calf injury but fellow Dutchman Helder, and Hartson, jury womes. Winger Fox. midl ers Howells and Dozzell and defender have been dropped from the Arse-Wilson have been ruled out and join long-term casualties Anderton, Kernal squad. Clarke is expected to retain his place after an impressive debut in the 3-0 win over Queen's slake, Thorstvedt and Scott on the sidelines. England striker Shering Park Rangers. Wimbledon have yet to reveal if Jones will be left out af-ter his sending-off in the 2-1 win at Chelsea. Goalveeper Heald is back ham has not trained this week and faces a late test on a troublesome back, Manager Francis has called in the rarely used Romanian inin the squad after missing the Chelsea game with a knee ligament ternational Dumitrescu and mid-fielder Watson. injury, but Segers is expected to con-

Blackburn v Tottenham Striker Shearer will try for the goal which will enable him to become the first player to score 100 m the Pre-miership. Blackburn are forced to make at least two changes to the side which defeated Manchester City 2-0 on Boxing Day. Centre back Hendry and middletder Snerwood are

old Prunier has made only one forward to the reserve appearance during his trial from Bordeaux, but has the height to combat Mark Hateley as the Queen's Park Rangers striker strives for his first English league goal in 11

Prunier's availability also means that Roy Keane, United's most imposing performer of late, need not revert to defence. QPR shattered United with a 41 away win almost four years ago to the day but, unless they exploit the lack of familiarity which may undermine the home back four, hopes of a repeat look like hoop

Tottenham - who receive Manchester United on New emerged as Newcastle's closest challengers by the start of next week. "Resilient" is a word not normally associated with London fancy dans, yet Spurs

Bolton v Coventry

Bolton have a defensive selection problem for their important relega-

tion meeting, localandic interna-tional defender Bergsson starts a

three-match ban, which has left the joint-managers McFarland and Todd to decide whether to gamble on an analysis of the second s

earlier-than-expected return for

Stubbs or take the safer option of

Auxerre and Marseille player. Ike Eric Cantona, the 28-yearweekend's football action

> take the Premiership's only unbeaten away record to Blackburn, those northern softies who have still to win on their travels.

Something may have to give today. Only Newcastle, with a 100 per cent record, are stronger at home than the from Ghana's game in Egypt in champions. Moreover, Alan Shearer is menacingly poised on 99 Premiership goals for Blackburn, having scored in every match at Ewood Park this

Joe Kinnear, whose judgement is under particular scruti-ny in the Republic of Ireland, must decide whether to include Vinnie Jones in Wimbledon's line-up at Arsenal. Ominously for the tattooed trundler, the

Team news

moving Phillips to centre back and

recalling full-back McAnespie. Insh Under-21. international midfielder

and game of the season for Coven-

try as replacement for Richardson,

who is serving a one-match sus-

pension after being sent off against

Cheisea v Liverpool Striver Hughes is suspended, so Fur-

long is expected to lead the Chelsea attack. Barnett and Dow have been

added to the squad as midfielder Myers faces a late fitness test. The

in-form Fowler, scorer of five goals in his last two games, has shaken off the effects of flu to take his place

in an unchanged Liverpool side which

rined to step up its title chal-

land is set to play only his sec-

club refused to exonerate him a haul of three points from nine over his dismissal for poleaxing Ruud Gullit.
With all the hot air emanat-

ing from Jones this week, perhaps he could be loaned to one of the clubs unable to beat the freeze. Everton have no such difficulties, though they do have the problem of rehabilitating their own angry young man. Duncan Ferguson's comehack continues on the bench, and Tony Yeboah may also have a watching brief for visiting Leeds if he returns

The sight of Leeds' Tomas Brolin - born and bred inside the Arctic Circle - wearing gloves at Bolton was a measure of how cold it is. Today, Burnden Park stages a meeting of the division's bottom two. It may be premature to talk of six-pointers at the halfway stage of the season, but Bolton risk being east adrift if they do not beat Coventry, or at least improve on

Everton v Leeds

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Everton retain an unchanged side
after their 4-0 beating of Middlesbrough on Bowing Dey, Ferguson has
recovered from gastric flu and is expected to be one of manager

Royle's three substitutes, Leeds manager Wilkinson is leaving 14-goal Yeboah out following his midweek appearance for Chana in Caro. Wal-

lace is expected to take his place while Ford is expected to continue

in the absence of the suspended

midfield player Palmer, who is com-

Manchester Utd v QPR
French international centre back
Prunier will replace May, who has
joined Pallister, Bruce and Parker
on the injured list. Manager Fer-

guson hopes to keep the Bordeaux

player for the rest of the season as United attempt to overhaul New-

castle in the title race after their im-

pressive 2-0 win over the leaders.

pleting a two match ben.

In the pursuit of Derby at the top of the First Division, second-placed Charlton face Southend (sixth) - with the home forward and best-selling author Garry Nelson primed for his 600th senior outing while Sunderland (third) collide with Birmingham (fourth), a fixture never goalless at Ro-ker Park in 44 starts.

Meanwhile, spare a thought for West Bromwich Albion, beaten 11 times in a row and visiting Barnsley, where they last won in 1947/48. The worst post-war run belongs to neighbouring Walsall, with 15 straight defeats, with the alltime record of 18 set by Darwen more than a century ago. So desperate are Albion that their manager, avowed purist Alan Buckley, tried to sign a cer-

new relationships to greet the object of one's wooing with a tain Wimbledon midfielder on gift. Chocolates, flowers, Dennis Bergkamp, that sort of loan this week. His subsequent sending-off, and the suspension thing. The in-coming governor to come, scuppered the deal. wisely gave Thornton's and the florists a swerve and opted in-Northern Ireland centre back Mcstead to bestow upon Gooners the aforementioned Dutch-Donald starts a two-match ban af-ter reaching 21 disciplinary points, man, smashing the archaic so Queen's Park Rangers are ex-pected to recall Ready. Striker Allen is fit again and challenges Gallen for a place alongside Hate-

business. Nottm Forest v Middlesbro And what an astute acqui-Dutch international Roy is in con-tention for a recall. He ended his sition the Ice Man has been. seven-week absence with a torn car-tilage when he made a brief sub-In true 'Buy one, get two free' tradition, Bergkamp has been strute appearance in the 1-0 win over Sheffield Wednesday on Box-Arsenal's best player in any position, picking the ball up in ing Day. Lee, scorer of the winner front of Scaman's goal, playagainst the Owls, is the player most likely to stand down. Manager Rob-son is set to return for injury-hit Miding it out (on the floor! to feet!), shielding the ball in the desbrough, Barmby (Achilles tendon) middle of the park and peneand Highett (hemia) are among the absentees but their Brazilian import trating the opposition's penalty area with intimidating preci-Juninho is included in the squad, despite being injured in the 4-0 Box-ing Day defeat by Everton. sion, whether passing or shoot-

bunged against than bunging Several candidates - former FAN'S EYE VIEW Arsenal players, all - were

Graham is unrepentant, more

mooted to replace the disgraced George Graham after his departure from Highbury, No 130 but none had sufficient experience or managerial success Arsenal to make them likely contenders. What was needed SARAH DOYLE was, perhaps, not so much an Arsenal man, as an Arsenalstyle man. A fine, upstanding ing. It took him a game or few

to settle down, but against Villa at Highbury back in October, he and Wright appeared almost clairvoyant, finally becoming a partnership. Not, perhaps, the first A player of rare vision and ability, Bergkamp embodies Rioch's brave new Arsenal; he has skill and a high work rate, a scandal-free personal life and moderate manner on the field.

Gone is the 'hoof and hope' game which characterised many a Premiership performance in Graham's last three seasons. Indeed, league form from '92/93 onwards had been poor, performances (and players) jaded and the formation defensive, a sad metaphor of the siege-like mentality of the man then pulling the strings. The purchase of Wright not withstanding. Graham appeared reluctant to buy big, despite a midfield peopled by nobodies. Those desiring excitement and a result would have done better to attend a singles-only karaoke rather than a league game at Highbury, where the noise level seldom rose above the decibels required for a

Bruce possesses a candour that George would have found

notes address unflinchingly issues surrounding defeats, team selection and the like. He has acknowledged the need to restore the defence to its traditional mean self and has proved unsentimental in off-

ways an easy process (witness the dire home bore-draws against Blackburn and Chelsea), but a progressive

Although vaguely in touch

Now, Gooners are left with a confused legacy; an undying gratitude to the man who gave us some of the most magnificent moments of our lives, imbued with a bitterness for his betrayal of us and, if we're honest, some relief, too, at his departure. The time had come. George's shelflife was over - his ideas had dried up and his vision had gone stale

It's a transitional year. New boss. New blood. But a new pride, too, Yeah, Pride of North London, that's us. Wanalarming. His programme na make something of it?

Aston Villa.

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mass whinge.

loading excess baggage (see ya, Campbell).

Rioch is rebuilding; not al-

one, at least.

with the leaders, Arsenal have, realistically, about as much chance of winning the title this season as Martin Keown has of being described as a worldclass play-maker. But you've got to fancy us - with our shirty new attacking formation - for a cup, surely.

Meanwhile, as George chews the lid of his Bic and contemplates the correct spelling of curriculum vitae, he remains unrepentant, a defiant and indignant figure, more bunged against than bunging.

Euro-sceptics left on the margins of innovation

symbolic that the big game with the best chance of going ahead in these islands is this afternoon's between Leinster, Ireland's provincial champions. and Cardiff at Lansdowne

The very fact that the international venue is being used for this semi-final reflects the sig-nificance which the Irish -as well as the Welsh, French and the rest of Europe bar the Rugby Footinaugural competition for what will become European rugby's greatest prize, the Heineken

Today's double bill of Leinster v Cardiff, the Welsh champions, and Toulouse, the French Welsh Cup-holders, at the Sept-Deniers stadium will produce the finalists for next Sunday at Cardiff Arms Park. If it is obvious that the final needs a Weish presence, this is not to poke firm but merely to state a

Besides, there has, by one means or another, been far too much disparagement of a worthy, even noble attempt to get pan-European rugby off the ground despite the English – the ad-ministrators that is, certainly not the clubs or players.

As it has turned out, they were only biding their time before entering next season, although the way the RFU rubbished the prototype organisation - playing

Steve Bale previews today's semi-finals of the inaugural Heineken Cup, rugby union's most overlooked tournament

in midweek, inadequate floodlighting and the rest of it while suggesting they would go in on their own terms or not at all was a perfect example of what in Toulouse they might call folie

The loss is theirs, or at any rate Leicester's and Bath's. While the RFU was banging on about the congestion of its structured season and the burden on players, these leading clubs and others were making it clear they had no objection to joining forthwith and would fit it into their schedules with far less inconvenience

television and sponsorship fees just for this season, there was fairly serious money at stake. But then the pioneers of team sport have seldom been pioncers of its internationalisation: witness English football's initial absence from both the World

Cup and European Cup. At last we now know this is about to change, though the RFU should be - and doubtless are - under no illusions about the resentment their stance caused both among other rugby unions and their own refractory clubs. Rugby's

With at least £5m available in European Cup has missed them, and they have missed

> Not that this inaugural event can be considered wholly successful. Typically of their notion of PR, the Welsh clubs began by treating their Euro-fixtures as essentially no different from any other important matches.

This did nothing to elevate their profile, and the coincidental occurrence of the tours of France by New Zealand. Wales and Ireland by Fiji and Scotland and England by the Western Samoans denied the Heineken Cup a more and there was a formidable

favourable share of column inches and air time. With the semi-finals has come a change of media policy, so that most correspondents had decided to make Dublin their priority this

weekend even before the weather had done its worst to the English programme. Until now, though, it has to be admitted that most people would have had little idea that this great innovation had been tak-, Indeed you could argue it was

not until Cardiff went to Bor-deaux to play Begles that their players, and more important officials, came to appreciate precisely what was happening. The Andre Moga stadium was full

a superlative, drawn match followed by a slap-up banquet for

As an example for others, it was superb as well as superbly demonstrative of what the European Cup could become. Next season the top four Eng-lish clubs and the leading Scottish districts will be added to a savoury continental mix of Welsh, Irish, French, Italian

and Romanian. That the Spaniards, Germans and even Canadians – who would establish a squad in Europe during the autumn - have also applied to join tells its own optimistic story. For now, a Cardiff-Toulouse final would do verv well.

Saracens line up Sella and Lynagh

DAVID LLEWELLYN

Saracens' dream of fielding a world class back-line moved a step nearer to reality last night when sources at the club confirmed they have had talks with the Australian fly-half Michael Lynagh. The north London First Division club are also at the head of the queue to win the signature of the French centre

Philippe Sella. Lynagh, who retired from international rugby after Australia's dramatic last-minute loss to England in the World Cup, is under contract to the Italian championship leaders, Treviso. But Lynagh, who scored a world record 911 points in 72 Tests, is said to be interested in coming to England.

Sella, who has also just retired from international rugby after winning a record 111 caps, has been contacted by a number of First Division clubs, but the indications are that he will opt for London for business reasons.

The adverse weather has forced the postponement of today's Courage League programme and created a problem for the England manager. Jack Rowell, after the National Clubs Association decreed that the games should now be played on 13 January, a week before England take on France in Paris and the very weekend scheduled for a prolonged squad session.

That would mean Bath, with eight sauad members, and Leicester, with three, would be weakened. But fears of a club country clash receded last night after Alwynne Evans, executive secretary of the NCA. explained: "Sides with three or more internationals can appeal against the decision to play on that date and we would then apply a little bit of common sense and ask them to take the next available date. We have to help England as much as possible. Peter Wheeler, the former England captain, has switched from being amateur president of Leicester to become the club's first professional chief executive.

Huggins on home and away duty

Basketbail

DUNCAN HOOPER

Sheffield Sharks are the only top four club in Budweiser League action this weekend, and their leading player. Roger Huggins. is the only England international on domestic duty before leaving with the national team on Monday for two games in Denmark.

Jim Brandon, the Sharks coach whose team are to play Doncaster Panthers tonight. has already expressed his concern over player burn-out and Huggins, their leading scorer, is vital to Sheffield's defence of the league title. Laszlo Nemeth, the England coach, knows the oft 6in Huggins is equally vital to his preparations for the European Championship semi-final round game away to Russia on 28 February.

The two internationals against Denmark are followed by two games against Hungary at home on 20 and 21 February.

The absence of the World Invitation Club Basketball event for the first time in 19 years has left the New Year weekend unusually short of action.

Weather conditions could restrict the scheduled action in the Budweiser and National Leagues. Although Sheffield have the relatively short hop to Doncaster, Newcastle Comets are due to travel to Hemel Royals and Worthing Bears face a trip to Derby Storm.

ENGLAND to Denmarkt: N Austan, S Buckmall, A Gardiner (all London Towers), R Baker, K Brown, I Whyte (all London Leopards), S Baker, T Gordon, M Payne (all Borningham Bullets), P Ganinger (Manchester Gants), R Huggins (Shefield Sharks), P Scantlebury (Thames Valley Tigers).

League breakaway threat recedes

CATHERINE RILEY

The Football League survived the latest threat to its future last night, when the 24 First Division clubs backed away from mass resignation. Norwich, Crystal Palace and Oldham had led the protests, after the League's extraordinary general meeting in London had thrown out a proposal which would have given the top-flight clubs a greater say in the running of League affairs.

All but three of the First Division clubs had earlier abstained when chairmen voted through proposals relating to the new five-year £125m deal with Sky TV. That lucrative contract - a lifeline for many clubs would have been worthless had

Ron Noades, the Palace chair-

persuaded the clubs to hand in their notice to quit the League before tomorrow's deadline.

The clubs had gone into emergency session immediately after the EGM, but Noades, Ian Stott of Oldham and Norwich's Robert Chase had trouble convincing many of their fellow chairmen to take such drastic action. After three hours, the League president, Gordon McKeag, was told the resignation threat had been removed.

The decision brought relief for the 48 members of the Second and Third divisions, with the Bradford chairman, Geoffrey Richmond, claiming: "The mod-erate clubs in the First Division have won the day. A breakaway would have scuppered the Sky deal and made the future of our clubs extremely bleak."

McKeag said that he hopes

man, and his fellow hardliners clubs will "start the New Year Three more for Blades

Howard Kendall signed three more players for Sheffield Unit-ed yesterday, taking the total of new recounts to five in his first 16 days as Dave Bassett's successor at Bramail Lane, writes

David White, the former England striker who served under Kendall at Manchester City. became one of the First Divios most ext when he agreed to a £500,000 more from Leeds. White had olayed three times on loan for the Blades.

Chris Short, a full-back and brother of Everton's Craig, ar-

other of Kendall's previous clubs - with midfielder Paul Rogers going the opposite way. United receive a cash adjustment of £30,000.

Kendall's other signing, the 37-year-old former England midfielder Gordon Cowans, joined from Wolves on a free transfer. The Celtic striker Andy Walker is also a £250,000 target.

the former Barnet striker Gary Bull, whom they borrowed from Nottingham Forest last term, on loan until the end of the season. He is likely to make his debut against his cousin, Steve Bull, in med from Notts County - an- Monday's derby with Wolves.

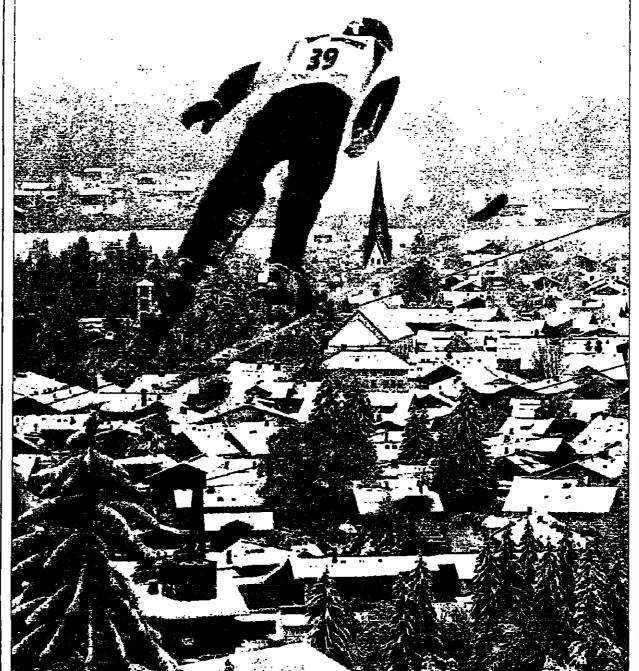
united together and with a joint will to make the League even stronger than it is today.

"There have been protracted discussions and negotiations. Those have been productive and will continue, and I have every confidence that notices of provisional resignation will not be handed in before the deadline," he said. "There will be further discussions about a number of issues, but we have reached agreement about two or three issues."

The proposal wanted the First Division to be allocated 50 per cent of places on the League's board of directors. McKeag said: "We have given no assurances, but we have undertaken to consider the whole question of representation at

our next meeting."
Ironically, only three First
Division clubs voted on the cashsplit proposal, which will mean many of them receive over £1m a year from next season. The club which finishes top of the First Division will get a basic £891,200 and the bottom side £631,300.

Sky will screen 60 games live on Friday nights and Sunday lunchtimes, with the Second Division clubs collecting between £365,088 and £302,712 each and those in the Third from £235,312 to £211,055. Around £35m will be distributed to clubs - but that would have been in doubt had the First Division clubs resigned. midfielder, has joined Norwich City on a month's loan and goes straight into the side for today's home game with Reading. Bolton are giving a trial to Ralph Haselhüttel, a 28-year-old Austria and Casino Salzburg striker.



Rising Finn: Kimmo Savolainan, of Finland, appears to soar above the Alpine resort of Oberstdorf yesterday in preparation for today's Four Hills ski-jumping tournament

Photograph: Wolfgang Rattay/Reuter

semi-final on ice

Rigby League PAVE HADFIELD

The Regal Trophy semi-final between St Helens and Warring-ton has been postponed until next Thursday after Saints bowed to the inevitable and called off today's game. Temperatures down to minus

12 degrees defeated the covers at Knowsley Road and the refusai of Wigan police to allow the match to be switched at short notice to Central Park's heated pitch left no other alternative. "We could have waited until

the morning of the game, but it was better to make the decision now," Saints' chief executive, David Howes, said. The club still hopes to host the New Year's Day match

against Leeds before they meet Warrington on Thursday. The delay in the semi-final could help Saints to get some of their injured players, in-cluding the Great Britain forward, Chris Joynt, back into action. However, other longterm casualties, such as Paul Newlove and Anthony Sullivan. are unlikely to be fit in time. St Helens face a Rugby

League inquiry on Friday into the weakened team they fielded at Wigan on Boxing Day.

A side containing only one first team regular were beaten 58-4 and, despite claiming to have medical evidence to cover all the absentees. Saints have been called before the League's board of directors to explain Saints' league match against

Warrington has now been put back from next Friday to Sunday. The game between Sheffield Eagles and Bradford Bulls will now be the televised Friday night match. There will be at least one

match on New Year's Day. whatever happens to the weather in the meantime. Bradford and Halifax have switched their game postponed on Boxing Day from Odsal to the Alfred McAlpine Stadium in Huddersfield, which has undersoil

Workington have signed the amateur international Ian Devlin from the Barrow-based nonleague club Walney Central. The 22-year-old second row chose the Derwent Park club ahead of Oldham, Warrington

Freeze puts Saints' Ngugi prepares to face challenge of Denmark

major impact.

Athletics

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

The icy conditions at Durham for today's Bupa International Cross-Country Challenge may remind John Ngugi of the snowy day in Boston three years ago when he collected a record fifth world title. It is, however, likely to be cold comfort for the 33-year-old Kenyan who has returned to action this year after serving the best part of a controversial four-year ban for refusing to take a drug test.

He has been training hard, and is back to his racing weight of just over 10 stone. Ngugi, who was due to fly to Newcastle from London last night, will face more than adverse weather conditions over 9.3km on the Aykley Heads course this afternoon, assuming the weather does not worsen. Among his challengers are Assefa Mezgebu, Ethiopia's world junior champion, Vincent Rousseau, Belgium's European

10,000m silver medallist, and the

best of British. Andrew Pearson,

bronze medallist from the Eu-

ropean Championships in near-

by Alnwick earlier this month, Paula Radcliffe: Major test

the increasing demands of the European Studies degree which has the consistency to make a Paul Evans, second in the New she will complete next year. York marathon, has dropped out She has not raced competitively since a road relay event

with flu, but the conditions - rein October, but this outing in ported as "rock solid" - may favour Rob Denmark. The Durham - over 5.2km - should Commonwealth 5,000m chamnot end as her last did, when she staggered in a tearful 18th, pion hates mudbaths; he will not having faded in the final stages get one today. "I'm not recogof what was her first major test nised as a cross-country runner he said yesterday, "but I think I might surprise a few people." after a longstanding foot injury. Her main rivals then - multiple world silver medallist Cathe-Paula Radcliffe's recent training has been compromised by

rina McKiernan and Olympic 10,000m champion Derartu Tulu of Ethiopia - are not present, but Radeliffe will have her work cut out to match Tulu's compatriot Gete Wami, who was fifth in the last World Championships. Zahra Qaziz of Morocco. a bronze medallist in the 5.000m at the championships, and the eastern European pair Lyudmila Borisova of Russia and Elena Fidatov of Romania. Alison Wyeth, who limped

out of the championships, also returns to international action. and Liz Talbot. Radeliffe's Bedford and County club-mate, will be seeking to consolidate her 10th place in the European Championships earlier this month.

North harried by hot-shot Hannah

Hockey

BILL COLWILL

Natalie Hannah, Sutton Canada Life's 17-year-old striker. scored four times as Midlands overran North 6-1 on the secand day of the Under-21 Territorial Championship at the Aurora Sports Club, Rotherham, yesterday, As the high scoring of the

first day's play continued. Midlands and the defending champions, East, the only two Territories to have won this championship in its 10-year history, remained dominant. Their encounter this afternoon is certain to decide the destiny of this year's title.

Incredibly, play started on time as the Aurora groundstaff created a green oasis in the midst of arctic, snow-clad Rotherham. East were the first to show their paces with a classy 5-0 win against the North, Canterbury's Melanie Clewlow collecting a hat-trick and Purdev Miller scoring twice. East, in their second game.

met a resolute West and had to be satisfied with a 2-0 win. Goals from Gail Mitchell

followed good work down the right wing by Kirsten Bowden and a penalty corner strike from Clewiow.

Midlands' progress had been the more spectacular with the fast-moving Sarah Blanks, Hannah and Louisa Turney, who scored three times against the South, posing all the problems - ably supported by the allaction performance from the captain. Lucy Newcombe.

Newcombe and Jennie Bimson completed the scoring in the 5-1 rout of South, for whom Charlotte Manchester claimed a consolation. In the last game of the day

the performance of Hannah must have warmed the heart of the Great Britain coach, Sue Slocombe, in the appreciative crowd. With Hannah and Blanks taking intelligent advantage of the experimental nooffside rule. it was nearly one-way traffic and Midlands never looked back, following Hannah's first-minute goal.

The only disappointment for Midlands was the loss of Newcombe in the second half with a facial injury, but she is expected to be fit for today's Midlands v East decider.

Premier League Cradley Heath are set to make a temporary more to Stoke as

Dudley Wood, the Birmingham club's base for the last 48 years, has been

Britain's Jonathan Edwards yesterday col-lected his fourth major award of the year

First tour win for West Indies

Richardson's unbeaten 75 came from 84 deliveries after the young Queenslanders set a target of 238. Richardson was was helped in the chase by Phil Simmons' innings of 91.

Logy Fariello, who trained several champ-ions and prepared Buster Mathes Jinr for bis fight against Miles Tyson, died on Wednesday after suffering a stroke on Christmas Eve. Fariello was 58.

SKY SPORTS LIVE MATCHES: FA Carling Pro-minimistic, Mon 3 Jan: Middletbrough v Actor Va-la (B.O); Totancham v Alanchester Uru (B.O). Tee 2 Jan: QPP v Creisen B.O), San 14 Jan: Cover-by v Newcastle (4 O) Sun 21 Jan: Assor Ville v Orestham (A.O), Mon 22 Jan: West v Amn v Man-chester Uri San & Fabr: Cheisen v Middletbrough, FA Cap their forund: San 7 Jan: Derby v Leot; 11.0), Bell's Scottish League Premier Distance. Wed 3 Jan: Celtu v Rangers (8:0), Mon 8 Jan: Hitterman v Abertieen (B.D), San 17 Mar: Randers v Coltic Univer Bal.

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SPORTING DIGEST

57.84), 4 H Rizz (Aut) 2:55.13 (58.47, 58.46, 58.20); 5 R Tomelrach (Aut) 2:55.43 (58.47, 58.46, 58.20); 5 R Tomelrach (Aut) 2:55.43 (58.62, 58.21, 58.60); 6 M Gaucer (t) 2:56.19 (58.52, 58.60); 6 M Gaucer (t) 2:56.19 (58.93, 59.01, 58.24); 8 P Lechner (Aut) 2:56.69 (58.88, 59.05, 56.76); 9 H Piz (Aut) 2:57.44 (59.46, 58.69, 58.91, 59.07); 10 G Ebernster (Aut) 2:57.62 (59.09, 59.29, 59.24). Mean's paint: 1 H Rizz and A Rizz (Aut) 1:59.56 (1:00.02, 59.33); 2 M Parmer and A horng (t) 2:00.17 (1:00.12, 1:00.05); 2 M Schneebauer and P Lechner (Aut) 2:00.83 (1:00.38, 1:00.36); 4 P Brounegger and H Rog (Aut) 2:01.46 (1:01.24, 1:00.22); 5 A Bettemps and C Herm (t) 2:00.87 (1:00.55, 1:00.12); 6 J Pazz and C Halher (t) 2:04.75 (1:00.74, 1:00.30); 7 A Tucomen and H Heildels (Fr. 2:06.43 (1:03.09, 1:03.34). World Cap pairs standings afthe base events: 1 Rizz and Rizz 40pta; 2 Parmer and Neme 3:2; 3 Brounegger and heag 30; 4 Schneebauer and Lociner 2:6; 5 Bettings and Herm 2; 4; 8 Tucoment and Heildels (59.49, 59.38, 59.61); 2 I Zechner (Aut) 2:58.59 (1:00.05, 59.13, 59.41); 3 S Mammer (Aut) 2:58.94 (59.74, 1:00.30,39.80); 4 S Stenacher (th) 3:01.40 (1:01.03, 1:00.16; 1:00.21); 5 L Paryulina (Rus) 3:02.28 (59.71, 1:01.38, 1:00.97, 1:00.18, 1:00.21); 5 L Paryulina (Rus) 3:02.28 (59.71, 1:01.38, 1:00.50; 1:00.58); 10.10.16; 10.01.16; 10.0

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stances. Her body was found at the foot of the Moscow apartment block where she lived on the runth floor, but it is un-

The West Indies captain, Richie Richardson, steered his side to the first win of their Australian tour with a seven-wicket defeat of a Queensland XI in a oneday match in Toowoomba yes-

TOUR MATCH (Toowsombe): Queersland XI 237 for 8 (1) Duon 51); West Indias 241 for 3 (PV Simmons 91, R & Richardson 75nol.

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Roland Scholten, a 30-year-old Dutch publican from The Hague, won the British Open Darts championship by beeting

Bob Taylor of Scotland in two straight sets in the final in London yesterday. Lest month Taylor had beaten the Dutchman easily in the European Grand Masters in Scholten's home town. BitTISM OPEN (East Court): Marts shapes quantum fixes in Mcark (lend) 2-0; Plougest Condon News it M Cark (lend) 2-0; Plougest Condon it R Basser (Lends) 2-1; Bit Ming (Northis) in P Hogen Heats 2-1; Flores Scholten (Flores) 2-1; Ming (Northis) in P Hogen (Harts) 2-1; Flores Scholten (Flores) 2-1; Ming (Northis) in P Hogen (Harts) 2-1; Flores 2-1; Ming (Northis) in P Hogen (Harts) 2-1; Flores 2-1; Ming (Northis) in P Hogen (Harts) 2-1; Flores 2-1; Ming (Northis) in P Hogen (Harts) 2-1; Ming (Northis) in Proper in Hogen (Lends) 3-2; Player Bidded in T Wing'r (London) 3-0; Flores (Hogen POCS WORT) (US) in I Hartsy (Scotlast (Eng) 3-2; Popen Sevens Sevens (HS) in I G Stoddart (Eng) 3-2; Vestanday; Genop Time R Delar (Eng) it S Duers (HS) 3-1; Group Fiber Lester (HS) in I Hartsy (Scotlast (Eng) 3-2; Vestanday; Group Fiber Lester (HS) in I Nustice (Eng) 3-2; Group Eight E Bristow (Eng) it R Gentwer (Eng) 3-2.

Football The Grentford striker Paul Abrahams is returning to Colchester United on a morath's loan, He left in a £30,000 deal

WORLD CUP EVENT (Rantavastra, Fin): Men: 1 G Pk; Mars 2:53.69 (58.07, 57.65, 57.97); 2 A Bestichter (to 2:54.01 (58.16, 58.06, 57.79); 3 M Graebe (to 2:54.18 (58.50, 57.84,

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when he was voted "champion of the champions 1995" by the French sports daily, l'Equipe. Edwards – who has won the Daily, Ergress, BBC and IAAF awards. also came third in an Italian spor

Sporting awards

Speedway

Swimming The 21-year-old Russian diver, relena Minishina, a silver medallist at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, has been found dead in mysterious circumstances that been found. FOURTH TEST: Russell and Cork put the game in the balance as spirit and swing forces South African collapse

Battling England refuse to lie down

Cricket

DEREK PRINGLE reports from Port Elizabeth S Africa 428 and 162-9 dec England 263 and 20-0

After four days, this match still refuses to throw up a clear-cut front-runner, leaving the series similarly open. But if most of the cricket so far has followed a dull path muddled by the weather. vesterday's play would have confounded even the most seasoned predictors, as England fought back tenaciously, a howler short, to limit South Africa and keep their eventual lead of 327 within range. At the close, England were 20

without loss, needing a further 308 for victory and, unusually in the modern era, all outcomes are still possible, providing today's weather holds fine. However, at the start of play, England's prospects were far from sunny, and their best chance of saving this Test match was to still be batting by lunch. They were not.

Tố win it. South Africa had to he bowling at them by the close: which they were, but not with the kind of unsurpassable lead their cautious captain would have liked, in order to winkle out England on this docile pitch.

However, although Ladbrokes are quoting the draw at 8-15 favourite - they clearly befieve South Africa can kill the game should England, who are 12-1 to win, start to get on top - the home side at 6-4, could still force a win, particularly if they can get Atherton and two others out by lunch. Their new combination of pace and probe is not to be underestimated, and Adams, in particular, will be a handful should his googlies begin to bite.

So far there has not been much evidence of that, although Adams did add to his overnight tally when he bowled Peter Martin off the inside edge. He finished his first innings of Test cricket with figures of 3 for 75, a marvellous effort from 37 overs of whole-hearted effort.

England, who had been so indebted to Russell and Illingworth the previous day, lost both them and Martin, in the space of 14 balls, leaving South Africa with ficult to squander on this track, even by England's standards.

But squander it they did as first Martin and then Cork sent their early batting packing, English swing combining with South African uncertainty to produce a cocktail of calamity

for the home side. The collapse began as early as the second over of the innings when Andrew Hudson, so often a diffident figure with the bat. chased a wide half-volley, only to see Russell take a good div- replay.



Hat-trick; England wear a uniform look as they await the third umpire's verdict on the stumping of Daryll Cullinan yesterday

ing eatch in front of first slip. Six overs later Hansie Cronje did likewise, obligingly following

Then came the crucial wicket of Daryll Cullinan, the one player with enough strokes to put the game out of England's reach. Bowling over the wicket, Illingworth frustrated the batsman into an injudicious mow from well outside leg stump. His back foot was only lifted for a moment, but Russell whipped the bails off, confident his man had not regained his ground, an assertion confirmed by the third umpire after a TV

Russell, who is having a good series with the bat, is having an even greater one with the gloves the swing. The ball ran to Rus- and, when he later caught his moved within one of equalling Alan Knott's England record of 24 dismissals in a series. His pro-

> wickets taken so far is far greater than Knott's. But if Russell has been an ever-willing performer for his team, so too has Dominic Cork. who bowled unchanged for 20 overs from the Duck Pond End. After a loose opening spell, he precipitated a mid-afternoon collapse by taking 3 for 0 in 16 balls. In all, he and Illingworth

bowled 48.5 of the 65 and a bit sion and negation, Kirsten and

However, despite this setback, where they lost four wickonly nine runs, South Africa then batted themselves into a position, almost safe enough for portion of 23 victims out of 48 Cronje to contemplate all-out attack before the close.

Once again, the home side owed much to the tenacity of their opener, Gary Kirsten, who nudged and cut his way to 69, the second time he had passed fifty in the match. While the more glamorous strokeplayers appeared nonplussed and strokeagainst England's provocative mixture of aggres-

the No 7, Shaun Pollock, kept the scoreboard ticking along after fea

with a partnership of 66. second spell, Atherton had a five-man leg-side field. He stationed two men on the boundary's edge, one fine, the other at deep backward square, and had a mid-wicket, a mid-on and a leg slip, cheekily posted to prevent any delicate touches. He then ordered Cork to di-

rect his bowling accordingly. If it did not possess the malevolence of leg theory used during the Bodyline series of 1932/33 - when the whole of Australia was awash with out-

rage - it did bring another cunous decision from Cyril Mitch-the situation by stating that the Affred McAlpine Stadium in ley. Having already spoken umpire had called the wide Buddersfield to play Bradford twice to Atherton and Cork simply because he felt the time. Wolverhampton's all-wealthhe promptly called a wide when Cork again pushed one deliberately down the leg side to Pollock. It was a decision that

Atherton immediately took the

umnire to task over.

At the time, it appeared as if Mitchley had attempted onfield punitive action under the catch-all Law 42.2, which states that: "The umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play." Unfortunately in this case, the law gives him no such power. and sensing another controversy. Clive Lloyd quickly defused

If that is the case, England will he keen to see the same judgment applied to the increasing number of balls that will start to pass over their beads, should

Stewart and Athenton still be there at lunch today. Australia in control, page 21

Cold puts weekend fixtures on ice

NICK DUXBURY

The freeze has taken its expected toll of the sporting weekend, with temperatures so low that even today's all-weather racing - added at short notice to provide betting shops with much needed action - looks in

danger of cancellation.

The cold hit even harder than on Boxing Day as most of the day's football and rugby matches were called off and turi racing ruled out completely for the fifth day in succession

Three Premiership, five End sleigh League First Division, 10 Second Division and nine Third Division matches were called off 24 hours before kick-off. Only 19 out of 46 matches were still on with widespread snow and frost expected overnight.

The highest-profile casualties vere Aston Villa v Sheffield Wednesday, Southampton v Manchester City and leaders Newcastle United's visit to West Ham United. The three Premiership grounds do not have un

Scotland has been even harder hit, with 17 out of 20 matches postponed. The Premier division leaders Rangers and First Division Dundee United - the only teams able to host a match on Boxing Day - are again in action. They are joined by Third Division Queen's Park, who host Ross County at a

heated Hampden Park.
The non-League programme has been decimated, along with rugby union's schedule of league and friendly matches. All of England's Courage League First Division matches are off, as well as three out of five in Wales. In rugby league, St He-lens and Warrington's Regal Trophy semi-final game, due to be televised live by BBC, has been moved to next Thursday.

More fooball and rugby maiches over the long holida veckend are sure to follow; with Halifax rugby league already postponing their New Year's Day home clash with Qidham and instead travelling to the new

of racing today, but even syn-thetic Fibresand may not be able to beat record temperatures. Racing, due to be staged in the afternoon and evening was vesterday described as "hopeful rather than certain".

Fixtures, page 20

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2-1-3-0 (rb1) (one spet each). Umpires: S A Budinor and C J Machiey.

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Bowling tactics deliver new controversy delivery looked no further down the legside than several others.

England were accused of negative tactics last night as the fourth Test was hit by fresh controversy. Dominic Cork, having pushed South Africa to the brink of collapse at 69 for 6, resorted to bowling down the legside while Gary Kirsten and Shaun Pollock tried

to set up a declaration. Cork was eventually called for a wide by Cyril Mitchley - and that sparked a debate between the 57-year-old umpire and the England captain. Mike Atherton. Mitchley said that he had signalled a wide simply because he thought it was out of Pollock's reach. But the decision had been coming for some time - and that

The umpire spoke to Ather-ton after two balls during Cork's previous over had given Kirsten little chance of making contact. "Maybe it's a good idea, but it just seems like negative cricket to me." said Kirsten after close of play, when asked about England's tactics. "I haven't seen it happen too often. You would think maybe they would have wanted to bowl us out," he said.

Bob Woolmer, the South Africa coach, added: "It's not the greatest part of the game of cricket but, given the situation, I can understand why it was

being done." Asked if his team would use the same tactics.

Woolmer said: "I hope not, no." "We had to try not to give them boundaries," Cork said. "You try to make the batsman work hard for his runs by bowling near his legs. All the umpire said was that if I bowled consistently down the legside he could call a wide. I tried then to mix it up.

Kirsten admitted that the first part of the South African second innings had gone wrong. "But it was always our plan to get 170-180 runs with about 10 overs remaining - we just didn't expect to be nine wickets down."

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Eric Cantona had

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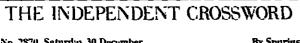
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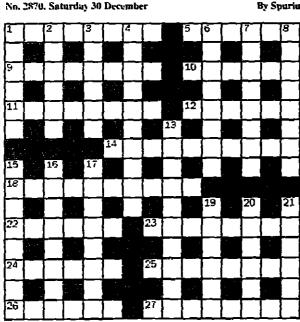
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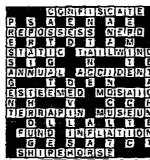


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- Greek character taking possession of a He-bridean island, backward place (8) Simple life, confined to a cell? (6)
- A receiving apparatus Scotsman's installed to give warning (8) 10 Advantage keeping most of landscape to
- 11 Conservatives accepting ambassador's ideas
- 12 Waterproofing agent it's about to be used Applauded off, unerty exhausted (7-3)
- 18 Bet address contains ambiguities (6-4)
 22 Young bird, swallow nursing broken leg (6)
 23 Boasts extravagantly about introduction of extra strong fire retardant (8)
- 24 Small group from Egypt welcomed into Irish parliament (6) acrifice both came to misinterpret (8)
- 26 To control staff takes time (6) 27 Rush to see male record overturned in

Friday's solution



Expects carol-singers by afternoon (6) Flexible part of field gun (6) False report about a new plastic (6) Market in centre of new estate is marked

out in squares (10) Nice people, some of them? (8) Inadequate notice to ower the French poll Give up one's seat to the next person in

13 A shortened telescope adapted to catch last of moon's shimmering? (10)

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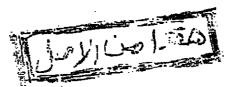
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19 Stay composed, and take the wind out of people's sails? (6)
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- 2 There's this woman I pick up every year, completely unconscious from the pub, take her home, carry her to her door, fish around for her keys, take her upstairs, put her to bed and post the keys through the letter-box
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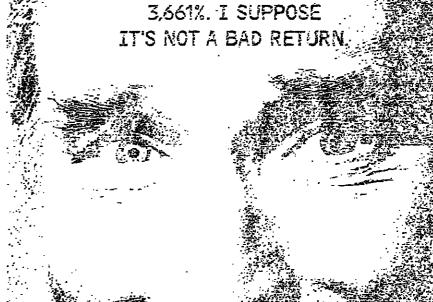
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A man was charged with attempted robbery after allegedly brandishing a leek at an NCP car park official. No money was handed over and a Carmarthen man with a leek in a Tesco bag was later taken into custody

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'You feel like an extra-terrestrial,' says Martin Brammer, veteran New Year's Eve cabble. 'They behave as if you don't exist. The things I've seen. Not just snogging, far more. Sometimes it gets to where you have to intervene, otherwise you'd get arrested. Then



'New Year's Eve always involves fancy dress. I remember one year, I was sent to pick up a party dressed as clowns. A mini-cab had been for them but they had sent it back and had asked for a London cab instead, because they couldn't get their massive feet in anything else



'And once I had a bloke dressed as a crocodile, with an enormous papier mâché head. We couldn't work out how to fit him in, so in the end I drove him to the pub with his head sticking



'People act like you're not there, so you hear all sorts. Girls are the worst, their talk about what they're going to get up to, it's far worse than men. Sometimes I think I'll drop them off at the party, park the cab, go in and hope they pick me up and do it to me'



You always get rows. Usually, no always, it's the feller has been eyeing up someone else and he gets the ear-bashing the moment they're in the cab. I've had

I HAD THAT NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE BACK OF MY CAB ONCE



'I had regular New Year's Eve fares, always took them to the same place every time. This couple, lovely folk, went to a party every year in a church half where there wasn't any furniture. It wasn't a bring-a-bottle party, it was a bring-a-chair party

s these pictures show, it is an odd, nether world taxi drivers inhabit on New Year's Eve. For the Past seven years, Martin Brammer, from Halifax in Yorkshire, has found himself first-stepping into a festive twilight zone. "Even though you're surrounded by people out and about in a jovial mood," he says, "you're very much on your own. And come midnight, you're absolutely alone. You're sat there in your cab and nothing happens. The biggest party of the year's taking place and you just sit there, outside, waiting for it to end. You drop your last fare at about five to 12 and then the old folks who don't really want to stay up at all but just feel they have to, so want to get to bed as soon as possible, start to hire you about 10 past. Then you're working solid until the morning. But for 15 minutes in between, sitting in your cab out on the street, everything stops. The world goes dead. You cease to exist. It's surreal."

Martin, as a self-employed driver, has always volunteered to drive on New Year's Eve because, frankly, the tips are good. "When they've had a drink," he says, "they don't realise how much they're tipping you. The fare's £9.78, they give you a £20 note and say, 'keep the change'. You say: 'It's a 20 not a tenner.' And they say: 'Yeah?' The biggest tip I got on New Year's Eve was £40 from a fellow I picked up outside a casino. He'd just won four and a half grand. Then there's the woman I pick up every year, com-pletely unconscious from the pub, take her home, carry her to her door, fish around for her keys, take her upstairs, put her to bed, post the keys through the letter-box. She's always very generous when we settle up later."

The big question the New Year's Eve taxi driver asks himself before he picks up a fare, however, is this: are they a puker? "You can usually tell by the way they hold themselves," says Martin. "I suggest a bit of fresh air before we start. Most parties I pick up have someone hanging out the window, but I guess



I've had no more than a dozen actually throwing up inside the cab. I never charge them extra, to be honest. Most people have spent up for the night and wouldn't have another £25. Besides, that's the beauty of a London cab. Plastic floor, plastic seats. I take it to an all-night garage with a jet wash, hose it down, dry it with a towel I keep in the boot for the purpose and I'm back on the road in 25 minutes."

This year, though, Martin will have no need to remove the seasonal deposits: he has given up driving and now sells Ferraris. For the first time in years, he will be out among the celebrating hordes, not the one left alone in the cold. "I booked the cab," he says. "Back in September."

> Pictures by Amanda Crowther Story by Jim White

THIS WEEKEND WHY NOT...

READ The History

England



At just 14 pages, this small, but perfectly formed history of this sceptr'd isle as written by Hampshire's liveliest teenager, Jane Austen, is nothing short of a miracle. Who wants Keith Michel dabbling in divorce as Henry VIII or Glenda Jackson's shaven-headed Elizabeth R when you can curl up with this monstrously opinionated and beautifully misspelt classic. It is safe to predict that Andrew Davies will not put Colin Firth (either in or out of his britches) on screen in a lavish BBC dramatisation of this little-known delight, but that should not deter you from purchasing this deliciously partisan analysis of the monarchy from Henry IV to Charles I. How unlike the homelife of our own dear Queen (above).

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SEE The Duchess of Malfi



This time last year, the hottest ticket in town was unquestionably the Cheek by Jowl all-male As You Like It, a staggeringly accomplished piece of direction, design and ensemble playing, both genuinely hilarious and extraordinarily moving. This year they're back again, but comedy has given way to Webster's magnificent tragedy, The Duchess of Malfi. The title role is played by Anastasia Hille (above), who proved her mettle with a striking Isabella in Measure for Measure with the same company. Whatever you do, don't wait for the reviews. The show is on for just four weeks and by the time everyone else wakes up to the fact that this leading British company is here, the tickets will be rarer than hen's teeth. Reports from the world tour are glowing.

The Duchess of Malfi, Wyndham's Theatre, London WC2 (0171-369 1736)





("Happy birthday to you..."), and short of being invited to the party, the best way to join in the celebrations is to buy his first opera, The Midsummer Marriage. Music critics have been scandalised by its non-appearance on CD when virtually everything else he has written has been newly recorded by the Chandos label or re-released by record companies ferreting in their back catalogues. Happily, Sir Colin Davis's excellent recording is back, in time for you to get acquainted with this astonishingly lyrical work before booking tickets for Graham Vick's breathlessly awaited new production at Coverit. Garden, which opens on 16 January. If all you've ever heard is the suite of Ritual Dances, you're in for a magnificent surprise.

'The Midsummer Marriage' is on the Lyrita label

hockey game



Some sports were made for home entertainment. Who wants to queue for hours at Wimbledon only to get neck ache from too much head-swivelling when the game is so fantastic on TV? With ice hockey it's another story. The puck zips across the ice so fast you're hard pushed to see if on the screen. No. You have to see it live. Only there can you expenence the sheer speed and raw power of the game, not to mention the blood and guts as the well-upholstered players slam against the sides or hurl themselves into motorway-scale pile-ups, much to the delight of the screaming, family-filled crowds. It's highly Americanised, with cheesy organ music, and though you may be an ice hockey virgin, can you think of missing the Slough-Jets vs the Basingstoke Bisons?

The Ice Arena, Montem Lane, Slough 6.30pm (01703 821555)

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We may be undergoing a genuine, Bing Crosby-esque white Christmas, but nothing should deter you from heading for Edinburgh the city that knows how to do New Year properly. It may be more famous for its summer festival and Morningside ladies taking tea in Jenners; but this weekend sees it hosting Europe's biggest New Year celebrations. There were more than half a million people there last year and this year's five day festival plans to beat that record with a torchlight procession; spectacular open-air concerts, a grand-scale street-theatre extravaganza, a ceilidh, a champagne ball and fireworks all over the city at midnight. Oh, and tonight Gary Glitter plays. the Princes Street Gardens. Be there and be part of his forthcoming TV special.

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interviews of the year

The seven deadly sins (celebrity version)

You ask them what you want to know, they tell you what they want you to know. Rarely does the interview achieve the intimacy of the confessional. But look back through a year of Independent interviews and you'll discover, as David Benedict did, that the devil lies in the detail



Peter Ustinov on performing For me it's a more cerebral and certainly more

kd lang I hardly ever listen to music.

Joanna Lumley I'm about as ambitious as a dish of water.

Andy Kershaw on John Peel How can you not adore somebody whose entry for interests in Who's Who reads: 'Staring

Carrie Fisher I hate exercise but I love talking.

Paul McCartney You do know I don't read music, don't you?

I have never had guilt pangs about paying a woman to clean my dirty bath.

Michael Dobbs on getting a job at Saatchi and Saatchi from Tim Bell

I asked him if he could suggest someone who might give me a job for a lot of money and not much work and he said, 'I will'.

Gillian Taylforth in response to allegations that she

had oral sex in a lay-by What kind of people did they think we were that we would stop on a major slip road for sex? I was still recovering from a Caesarean birth and was coming down with flu. Besides any of that, Geoff was throwing up.

Women are the bane of my life but I always fall

Jenny Eclair on being at an all-girls school Everyone had crushes on the two male teachers, even though they had lichen round their flies.

There are no sexual fantasies in my pictures. Helena Bonham Carter on Woody Allen

I was amazed, when I read the script, that I was playing his wife. I thought, 'Well, you've got a fantasy and a half. But then, on his scale, I'm getiatric and over the hill.

Anne Diamond on being an unmarried mother I thought: everyone else in the office is doing it.

Adrian Edmondson I think it is most men's dream to live a shaghappy, drinking, guilt-free life.

Bertrand Tavernier People say there's a danger that seeing so many films will handicap you. But admiring, having dinner with, speaking to many beautiful girls does not discourage you from making love. William Burroughs on being called a dirty old man I wish I was a dirtier old man. I'm ashamed to

go 24 hours without thinking about sex.

WRATH

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If Louisa May Alcott had really been sound, she'd have written a trilogy, and called the last one Divorced Lesbian Sluts.

Justin de Villeneuve on the collapse of a projected

If only I'd been allowed to sit down with the bloke, then, well: crash, bang, wallop, two kippers and a bon-bon, how's your father, done and dusted. It's a shame, but with a few rare exceptions

I hope I bump into him again, because if I do I'm going to headbutt him. Alan Plater on being forced to cast Alan Bates in

Oliver's Travels It's not a negotiating stance at all. It's like being consulted by Vlad on how you'd like to be

Paul O'Grady on being Lily Savage

Lily gets in the way. I play second fiddle to her all the time. I sometimes come into my flat, and there's a leopardskin handbag on the floor, and a pair of her shoes and an old coat - and it's like living with some boozy old barmaid who's trashed the place. I think, 'Slag!' and start muttering about her under me breath.

Shaun Ryder (formerly of Happy Mondays)
Even from being 10 or 11 I was amazed by the effect the word 'fuck' could have in the middle of a pie shop.

Michael Parkinson

The only thing I was ever remembered for was being attacked by a fucking emu.

turbation far more popular than it's ever been.

The threat of Aids has made people more conservative, more cautious. It's also made mas-

in a sensible suit.

Gilbert & George

I'll give Tony Blair a "sound bite"! I'll run right across the floor of the House of Commons, sideswipe the Master of Arms, and take a bite out of one of his copious ears; then we'll hear the leader of the Labour Party really sound off. I think that's what it'll take to get an authentic noise out of this poetaster of the glib, this walking autocue

Stephen Fry shortly before abandoning Cell Mates owing, allegedly, to bad reviews

It's like opening a piece of used lavatory paper, reading newspapers, just so unpleasant, the smell. I'm sure all sorts of unpleasant things have been said about me in the past year, but the great thing is I don't know about them.

When they call you articulate, that's another way of saying. 'He talks good for a black guy'.

Gilbert: If we don't like someone we do our double act. George: We can clear a dinner table in 10

Sheriff Joe Arpaio I want to lock up more criminals than any other sheriff or police chief in America. At the moment I'm No 6, but I'm determined to make No 1.

I hate Winona Ryder with all my heart. Camille Paglia on young American actresses
They're all little whelks, indistinguishable from

each other. They all have this winsome quali-

GLUTTONY

Gérard Depardieu

I had my stomach pumped. It was a fairly graph-

[Archbishop Runcie] told me I liked wine,

women and song too much and that my face was

more appropriate in the pub than in the pulpit.

ic illustration that my way wasn't working.

ty they mistake for acting. If theatre isn't life-enhancing, what's the point of it? To make your bottom sore?

They call me a recluse. I really object! Is it because I don't have children? Because I live in

I don't understand why idiotic Tories don't understand that artistic competition is important. But then they'd sooner have no art at all.

It just taught me to be a delinquent. I never had any reason to be responsible for myself, and that's why I was drunk for 10 years of my life.

Keith Richards on being raided by the police in 1967 It's difficult to forget, with 10 people in a room coming down off LSD, and looking out the window, hearing a knock on the door and sayin'. Prince Philip's cracked a smile is not my way of There are some funny little midgets outside.

AVARICE

Sir Richard Rogers, architect, on being asked how Too much, probably.

Demi Moore on her \$12m paycheck I'm grateful that the producers were willing to

show their faith in what I would contribute to the film by paying me the money. It was not only showing a belief in me but in all women.

Ted Honderich, philosopher, on why he took on editing the Oxford Companion to Philosophy First I thought it would increase my fame, second I thought I'd get a lot of money, and third.

I thought I could do it on the side. Barbara Taylor Bradford

Some say, 'You don't have any mundane details about everyday life in your books', and I say, No, because nobody would read them.

Jessica Mitford on her book about undertakers It was such bliss when all the undertakers came out with virulent attacks - and so great for sales.

Of course, when there was a shoe fair, they would insist on giving me pairs.

ENVY

Wayne Fontana, Sixties pop singer I just don't know what it is that makes the Stones

more popular than Wayne Fontana and the Mindbenders. If you knew what it was you could tap into it. I mean, who's popular now? Oasis and what a bunch of arseholes they are.

Jim Crace is one of those writers for whom I have huge literary envy, simply because of what people write on the back of his books. It's what

I call blurb admiration. Alan Bleasdale on Julie Walters Look, she can even make a Clorets' ad funny.

I'm not saying I'm the new Mozart, but I'm not trying to be the new Mozart, because Mozart didn't write words! Ha ha! Couldn't write 'em.

Academic at a Stoppard premiere That's why God made poets and novelists - so the rest of us could get published.

PRIDE

could he? Wanker!

Sir John Drummond, ex-Proms director I'm not, perhaps, naturally a number two.

Bill McCartney, American Christian cult leader I don't mean to offend you, I'm just trying to explain that it's hard for us to talk on the same level because you don't have God's spirit.

Slash of Guns 'n' Roses I like to maintain a pseudo-humble level of existence. I didn't have aspirations to become a

If you ask the majority of women who work, Would you work if you had a man who really loved you, who was really there for you, she'd tell you. No, I wouldn't work. And that's the

Checking that bloody box, sweating on whether building a career. I've done my time on royals. I'm buggered if I'm going to put my arse on the line. Tony Mortimer of East 17 on whether he is fright-

ened of talking about intimate matters Not since I found out that I've got a big dick.

Frank Warren after being shot I used to think I was God ... I don't go in for

all that stuff now Julio Iglesias on the sensuality of success

When I go on stage, my skin is 10 times more sensitive. I touch my body continuously because I don't believe it.

Darcus Howe on his interviewing technique That's how people discover things, by inquisition. I mean that in the inquisitive sense, not the Spanish Inquisition - that was a bit heavy.

Jane Horrocks on urinating on stage in Macbeth Sometimes there's only a little trickle and I think oh, that's a bit of a boring old piss tonight [assumes reviewer's voice] 'a disappointing piss'. But sometimes it comes flooding out like a horse, which is excellent, although the woman playing the gentlewoman gets a bit splattered on. which she doesn't really care for.

Lesley Garrett on Die Fledermaus It was a crazy, wonderful, visually extravagant

evening of which my bottom was the sensation. I completely upstaged the whole thing. John Hegarty of Bartie Bogie Hegarty

The Volkswagen campaign was to advertising what the Sistine chapel is to painting.

Jim Dale on playing Fagin in Oliver! You want depth? Read the book. Sir Georg Solti

I can only do music one way. My way. Take it

Ken Russell on Oliver Reed He called me Jesus for obvious reasons.

Gillian Armstrong As one of the first women working in a man's

world. I was supposed to be aggressive, stony and tough. But maybe I was actually just good. Marcel Marceau

What I did as a one-man show throughout the world, no one can do again in the 20th century. There is no better memory for an actress than to be called up by a director. To be elected. To

have someone say. I want you. It means that they dreamed of you and thought about you for days and days and days. Arthur Miller

I like to be around anyone who enjoys my speeches, Felicity Kendal on appearing naked in Indian Ink I'm not a great flasher obviously, but I'm not

a shy person either. Virginia Bottomley, three weeks before the Government announced a 3 per cent cut in Arts funding There will be no cuts in government spending on the arts. The lottery is not an alternative to

government funding. Terry Hands to Georgina Brown Why did you choose journalism? You were obviously a nice person once.

Additional research by Rachel Halliburton Illustration by Chris Priestley









Did you buy something totally pointless in the sales? Then you may need professional help. By Serena Mackesy

tential shoppers.

country, have probably spent a good deal of the last month grumbling about the hell of shopping for Christmas: those hours spent in overcrowded, overheated environments spending like there was no tomorrow. And yet you have probably also quietly made sure that there is still a little bit of stretch left in your credit card, that free Saturday afternoon - this one, possibly that will allow you to indulge in another explosion of the feeding frenzy that is rampant consumerism.

Shopping is great fix, especially for some reason for women. This is possibly partly to do with the hunter-gatherer differences between the sexes. Men on the whole are more focused than women on individual tasks, preferring to perform one at a time to their satisfaction; women juggle. Thus, men, when they shop, shop with a particular target in mind and lose interest when it is attained, while women take pleasure in the shopping itself. A woman shopping will generally go to all the shops and look at everything, a man will go to Burtons and buy a shirt.

The act of buying, though, gives both sexes a sense of instant gratification and considerable pleasure. Many of us indulge that gratification regularly and without worry.

But this is not always the case. Consider the words of Lucy, 55; "I get with-

thought Well, what am I looking for? I don't need anything,' but I can always

see something." Lucy is a member of a significant slice of society whose consumption has tipped over from normal gratification into addictive behaviour: shopaholics. if you like. A recent American study estimated that compulsive shopping patterns affect between 2 and 6 per cent of the population, 95 per cent of those affected being women. Although we are all capable of impulse buying, these people regularly purchase things for which they have little need or use - Lucy, for instance has four double wardrobes and an attic stuffed with never-worn clothes - and with little or no regard for the financial consequences.

Dr Richard Elliott, of St Anne's College, Oxford, says: "Of course, it's actually no different from ordinary shopping in other people. It's just so extreme in many dimensions. And, of course, one person's problem shopping is another person's 'well, if I can afford it...'. It's a problem in terms of the frequency with which it happens and the levels of debt that can built up. Without wishing to trivialise it, Imelda Marcos may have had a problem with the number of shoes she needed to buy.

but it wasn't a problem to her.' Dr Elliott, together with Professor investigating it further. Many forms of addictive behaviour, shopping included, have roots in depression, loneliness, lack of a sense of fulfilment or childhood deprivations, but they were surprised to find, within these parameters, two very distinct types of compulsive shopper who they had not anticipated encountering. As well as those who need the frenzied fix of instant gratification to ward off their problems, there are also Revenge shoppers, and what they have labelled Exis-

The revenge shopper fails into a very distinct sociological grouping, They are women who married very young to professional men and are now in or nearing their forties. They feel that their husband is treating them as a young, unsophisticated person but that they have changed and developed and now have all kinds of justification for being treated in a different way. They cannot get it from their partner, and are quite consciously hitting at him through their behaviour," says Elliott. "This is hard to call compulrationally control. These are not

money." A heavily indulged youngest daughter, she married a man who while frequently absent himself indulges her sprees: "Well," he says, You were spoilt as a child and I suppose I will have to continue the tradition." She feels that he doesn't acknowledge that she has matured during the course of their marriage with both motherhood and her own part-time career, but "I just can't get him to understand that I've changed -I just don't know what to do any more... [the shopping] is a way of getting back at him. I say, well, if you took more notice of me... then I wouldn't

have to do it, would I?" Another 51-year-old woman puts it this way: "I think I was a bit child-like when we married... but, of course, I've changed over the years - and I want more responsibility and ... well... respect, really, than I'm getting." A man's wallet, it seems, is often the only

place to hit where it really hurts. Lucy, meanwhile, is an Existential shopper. Says Elliott: "These women have for some reason chosen shopping sive shopping, as compulsion by def-inition is not something that you can and expressing their personality. They see it not as a haphazard rush round women who cannot help themselves. the shops, but as a skilled and con-They are acting fully rationally. And centrated activity... what looks on the one can see when they describe their outside like a frenetic rush, madly getsituations that they feel powerless to ting rid of money, was not that but was

f one were to look for an example drawal symptoms and feel depressed if Kevin Gournay of London University's influence their partner. This is one a search for the absolute buy". It is in that having credit cards makes people of the illogicality of human behaviour one would hardly need to look in on a Saturday last week and went for further than the enthusiasm with a long walk with my husband. We got studies, published a paper on the subdo it repetitively, so they're not fully in

control of it." Indeed, Lucy, who has often had to use savings to pay off credit cards and loans, has often bought "one of every colour" of an item of clothing. She once bought the entire Burberry range, and feels "a great sense of pride when I find that "perfect outfit"... even though it ends up either in the loft or hanging unworn in a wardrobe.

In the meantime, the stores abound with tales of crazed consumption. Peter Villasey of Harrods was a mine of hairraising stories. "This man came in once in search of an alarm clock. We had an exhibition of antique clocks at the time, and he ended up spending £250,000 in half an hour. Another customer came to buy china during the sale and walked out with £60,000 worth of crockery. None of it in the event marked down. But the best recently was the man who wanted a Christmas present for his son. He picked out a Sega Gamegear computer-game consol, which sell at around £100. Then he had it customised with gold and precious stones. It ended up costing £55,000."

Many Harrods customers, of course, are well equipped to afford such excesses. But what of less elevated mortals? Richard Elliott believes that credit card companies have some measure of responsibility. "I don't honestly think

go out shopping, but it is certainly a

Lloyds Access, when asked, claimed which we embrace the January sales. back at 4.20pm and I was sweating. I ject last year and are currently half-way average, I can spend up to £200-£300 pulsive shopper, they have a sense of to be unable to provide any suitable ou, like much of the rest of the thought I have to go into town and I through a government funded project a time on nothing. It's like sweetie heightened skills. But, of course, they case studies. When Mr Elliott approached a credit card company for funding for the current project, he "got a very sharp note back saying 'nothing to do with us. Why are you asking us in the first place?" Strange paranoia for such benevolent organisations.

So, is there help available for those suffering from this affliction? At the moment, no. The courts rarely, if ever, refer compulsive shoppers for treatment as they do those with gambling or alcohol problems. "They tend," said a practitioner at London's psychotherapy Centre, "to see it as a moral problem rather than an emotional one. I've never heard of the courts suggesting therapy for debtors." Elliott, Gioiurnay and Eccles wish, as part of their study, to set up a self-help group or groups. They currently have upwards of 200 people on their database, and would welcome approaches from others for whom any of this rings a bell. "Most of the people on our list," says Elliott, "have come forward out of a sense of desperation. They don't just want to be part of the survey. They want some help."

> If you'd like to join the self-help group, contact: Sue Eccles, School of Management Studies, University of Oxford, Radcliffe infirmary, Oxford OX1 6ME (01865 228470/fax 01865 228471)



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and Continental pictures five days before viewing officially begins. Would-be buyers in the know will he welcome to a sneak preview. The hols are a paradoxical time in the London auction houses: Why is everybody everybody assumes that everyand his dog piling body else will be away and that there will be bargains to be had. salerooms in the dead holiday

to London auctions until next

week after the Christmas

Threak: but at Christie's South

Kensington this Tuesday, the

empty silence of the salerooms

will echo to the footfalls of spe-

cialists eager to hang their British

Result: everybody and his dog piles into the saleroom and bidding becomes lively. Last year, the British and Continental picture sale was not held until 18 January - by which time turkey had been long-forgotten and dealers were ensconced once more at their Morocco desks. It made a and intended for carpets. buoyant 87 per cent by value, 80 per cent by lot.

These annual sales of mostly Victorian paintings are minor, in the £200-£3.000 range. This year's is on Thursday 11 January expected. A picture framer might (10.30am). The auctioneers hope find these oddments a good buy. that after nine days of viewing instead of only four, and with scarcely any other views to visit, ures and landscape. Very seasonal,

demand will have built up steam. The star lots are 30 19th-century textile designs from Aubusson. France, famous for its Arcadian landscapes and floral patterns since the 17th century. This is the last of four selections from the same collection and the experience has been that they sell for half as much again as the estimate.

The designs for curtains, carpets, cushions, in bodycolour or oil, owe their style to textile technology - blocky forms separating patches of wool or silk of different monochromes. They have a trompe l'oeuil effect - paintings that look like topestries. Presumably, one is expected to commit the solecism that British Victorian designers such as Owen Jones and Christopher Dresser warned against: banging on the wall flower designs viewed from above

There is a tantalising rummage lot: a roll of about 20 fragments of designs of various sizes, all unframed, and without estimate - meaning that less than £200 is There is also an Alexis de

Leeuw oil of a frozen river with fig-

De Leeuw's work can sell for up to £4,000 if in prime condition. This one is estimated only £800-£1,000 because of a restorer's over-enthusiastic "inpainting". That is, there is too much of the restorer's paint and not enough of the artist's. Even the signature has probably been tidivated, forcing the catalogue to resort to the description "attributed to".

You can pick up paintings in such sales for as little as £100. They are by unknowns, presumably amateurs, such as R. Falls, who painted Gibraltar Rock, lot 158, in 1893. The picture bears no estimate and is not considered worthy of an illustration, but if viewing convinces you that R. Falls wielded a handy brush, get in there and bid. At least the auctioneers have a soft spot for the picture. These days, with the market struggling for recovery, even minor sales are "tight" and auctioneers try hard to avoid the stigma of trying to palm off dross. Use your eyes. They might have got it right.

> For provincial auctions and tairs, see pages 20/21

John Windsor

The novelty drinks guide

By Emily Green and Robin Crowther

Imay learn themselves this year. Supermarkets, offlicenses and cash and carry outlets are all stocking alcoholised novelty drinks Notably, the Polmos Wodka

aimed at the youth market. Though our request was for novelties to test, some wholesalers and retailers sent us samples of their more grown-up products. The contrast was extraordinary, and useful. Yes, we loved Theakston's Black Sheep Ale, the 21-year-old Sainsbury Royal Elgin whisky, and the 16-year-old Speyside. The 10-year-old tawny port was mellow and divine, and the vintage Dows sprightly and beautiful. How, we came to wonder, can the same shops that sell these stock apple

If you do not teach your cocktail, spiked lemonade, and various rather sinister candy drinks? Only the vodkas, the chic new spirit of preference in the youth market, showed class. Wyborowa Pure Grain is a beautifully made spirit. May in 1996 it be drunk with the dignity it deserves.

Novelty Drinks

Hooper's Ginger Brew "Thirst Quencher*: Strong ginger flavour, but with a chemically edge. Sinister to label booze "thirst quencher". Hooch Alcoholic Lemonade: Nasty commercial lemon-

ade spiked for juvenile delinquents. Jetts Lime Clear Beer: described itself as "cold fil-

wines dressed up as tequila tered". Pure cleaning fluid.

Smirnoff Moscow Mule: Its rustcoloured, metal-effect bottle is a packaging crime. Drink tastes as if it involves ginger ale and Angostura bitters.

Marks & Spencer Vodka Lemon and Tonic: Harsh, not a patch on the real stuff. Sainsbury's Piranta Alcoholic

Lemonade: Inexcusable. Mrs Packer's Citras Brew: Foultasting skoosh aimed at kiddie market. Entirely reprehensible.

Mrs Pucker's Alcoholic Grange: A melted Mr Man tolly. Nasty.

Strong Cider Shock: Urine soaked alley on the nose; very foul tasting too. Red Hot Slimmer: Comes in rocket-shaped, pocket-sized container that prompted a witty lady onlooker to inquire. "Does it come with batteries?"Aimed at kids

who want to sneak drinks into dance halls. Chillis lend glowing warmth to aftertaste. Rather good. Cactus Jack Tequilla Sheoter: More pickle in the pocket-

packaging. Rayers Mexican Sunise; Acid yellow chemistry experiment. Cough medicine taste. Truly the worst of the

Vodkas

Smirnoff Mellow Russian Vodka Black Label: Very drinkable... Has to be near and very cold.

Polmos Zubrowka Bison Brand Wodka: Composty. Polmos Wodka Wyberowa Pure Grain: Smooth, full-bodied. viscous, sweet edge, excel-

shopping

Doubts? Psychosis? Get a diary

That little book can do more for you than you think. By Patricia Cleveland-Peck

you may hear an unfamiliar sound: thousands of pens scratching on paper as people throughout the country begin to write in their brand new diaries. A few days later, along with most good resolutions, the diaries will be abandoned - which is a pity as research in America indicates that keeping a diary can actually help you cope with life.

A diary in this context means a true record of feelings, fears and ambitions rather than a mere list of appointments, but it does not even have to be written. Many busy people now talk their dairies into a tape recorder (Tony Benn's tapes are famous). There are even more advanced methods: Nanni Moretti, the Italian director, shot his *Dear Diary* as a feature film, and there are plenty of volunteers willing to get to grips with a camcorder to compile their ovn video diaries for television's newest craze.

Like many other writers who work on a word processor, Graham Woodroffe, an English writer living in France, keeps his diary on computer. "It enables me to call up comparisons between similar dates over many

years," he says. In contrast with all this hightech, the oddest material on which to write a diary must surely be that used by an Italian peasant woman, Clelia Marchi. It was a sheet - not the A4 but the linen bed variety - which she covered with long lines of tiny handwriting and edged with poems in red ink. She had been married for 40 years; her children had been born and her husband died in similar sheets and she found this the most appropriate medium on which to express her life history. A couple of years ago she was able to see the sheet displayed in the village of Pieve S Stefano, now known as the Citta del Diario, in Tuscany.

Of course, people decide to keep diaries for different reasons. Anais Nin started hers at the age of 11 as a "letter" to her father, who had abandoned the family. George Sand kept a wild diary with the intention of sending it to Alfred de Musset at the end of their affair. Frida Kahlo's sketchbook diary is made up of strange lists of words and haunting images of her body, shattered in a horrific bus accident in Mexico deal with the agonising pain that she suffered every day of her life. In the diary she even draws her right leg, which the doctors decided to amputate, adding the words, "Feet, what do I need

them for if I have wings to fly?"
Personal diaries like these undoubtedly make fascinating within ourselves." reading - few of us can resist the frisson of voyeurism they offer Progoff's ideas is at a "journal reasoning would never expose. Anais Nin. you find "there is an

f you listen hard on 1 January and with examples ranging from the 10th-century diary of the Japanese courtesan, Sei Shonagun to the recent A Child's Diary emotion. If Joe Orton's diaries shock with their frank sexual content, Samuel Pepys's attempts to disguise the sexual element in his with a code make us smile.

Diary revelations can give unexpected insights. Could Dorothy's more famous brother William have sunk to sneaking a look at his sister's diary? Her entry for 31 July 1802 reads, "When we were in the woods beyond Gobarrow Park we saw a few daffodils close to the water side... as we went along there were more and vet more... I never saw daffodils so beautiful... some rooted their heads... and the rest togged and reeled and danced...

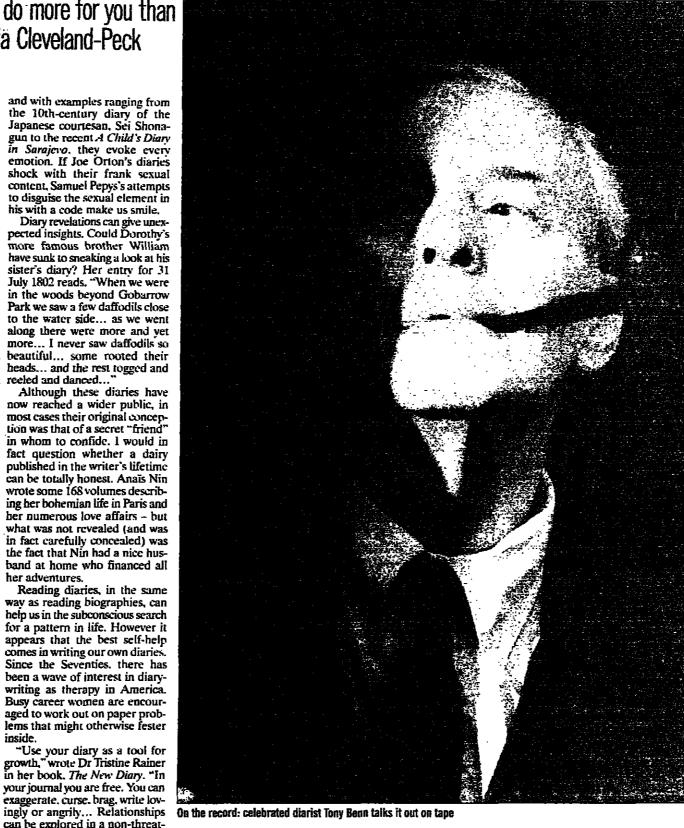
Although these diaries have now reached a wider public, in most cases their original conception was that of a secret "friend" in whom to confide. I would in fact question whether a dairy published in the writer's lifetime can be totally honest. Anais Nin wrote some 168 volumes describing her bohemian life in Paris and her numerous love affairs - but what was not revealed (and was in fact carefully concealed) was the fact that Nin had a nice husband at home who financed all her adventures.

Reading diaries, in the same way as reading biographies, can help us in the subconscious search for a pattern in life. However it appears that the best self-help comes in writing our own diaries. Since the Seventies, there has been a wave of interest in diarywriting as therapy in America. Busy career women are encouraged to work out on paper prob-lems that might otherwise fester

"Use your diary as a tool for growth," wrote Dr Tristine Rainer in her book. The New Diary. "In your journal you are free. You can exaggerate, curse, brag, write lovcan be explored in a non-threat-

removed. The Jungian psychologist, Professor Ira Progoff has taken matters a step further. His diarykeeping technique involves using City. It obviously helped her to a loose-leaf folder and making entries in specialised sections. In his book At a Journal Workshop he claims, "Under pressure of this hardness... it becomes possible for us to move more freely

The easiest way to learn about



iour can be rehearsed on paper quent in Britain. However. - and much apprehension armed with the book it is quite conscious beneficial effect is possible to follow the process. derived". Sections include "steppingstones", in which you list eight to 10 significant events in your life and then explore each more deeply, "roads not taken", where vou try to salvage something positive from old regrets and neglected ambitions; "dialogue". events, our lives become hard-sections where you enter into a packed like soil; as we work in the written conversation with perjournal we gradually break into sons living or dead with whom harmless pursuit that is enjoyable you have unfinished business (often guilt feelings after a loved If you are lucky enough not to throw up ideas which conscious worst that can happen is that, like

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> All this may seem rather earnest and Californian but 1 do any harm (unless the wrong can only say it did give me some valuable insights into my life. However, it's much more timeconsuming than the scribbled diary writing I normally indulge in. It is this more informal system that I recommend. Recording your hopes and fears is a chean. and can even become addictive. one has died). These exercises do need therapy, do it anyway - the

be dull..." In which case 1996 will be a lively year for you.

If, however, you do have problems, then keeping a diary can't person finds it, of course...), it is far cheaper than going to a shrink and, who knows? As Mae West discovered. " If you keep a diary. one day it may keep you.

> Further details of Ira Progoff's books and workshops can be obtained from Dialogue House, 80 East lith Street, New York NY 1003, USA 'The New Diary' by Tristine Rainer, published by Tarcher, is now out of print.

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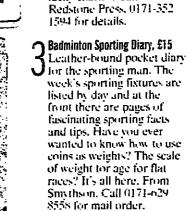
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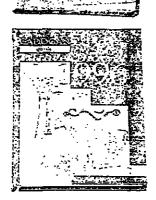
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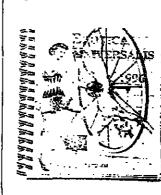




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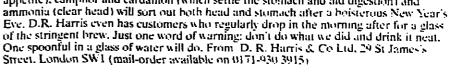
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A day in the life of the bra-fitters

Sally Williams sizes up the service at John Lewis's lingerie department

Mary, 5), lovingly dusts a display of Berlei Shock Absorbers. Warner Doreens and Silhouette Paysannes, Mary works in Boxed Bras, in the lingerie department of John Lewis, Oxford Street. She has been in bras for 30 years.

I definitely remember people by their bra rather than by their face," she says. One of 10 trained bra-fitters in the department Mary's job is to size up breasts: soft and firm, big and small, reduced and enlarged, even absent following mastectomies. She is unmarried, has a cat called Major and spends her weekends spying on other lingerie departments, Jennifer, 34, in Co-ordinates (matching bra and pants), is hanging newly delivered silk/satin turquoise cami-knickers and bras on the display rail. Ann. 44. weaves her way around the mannequins (today's outfit: fuscia Wonderbrast, putting stock from the 18-boothed changing room back in the correct place. Christine, departmental manager, bustles through Woven Thermals. organising coffee, lunch and tea breaks of her 40 staff members.

Opening time. The first customers arrive. Find a fitting room and press the switch next to the mirror, "says Ann to a young girl with a selection of frothy lace basques. A buzzer sounds and a light flashes next to number eight on a panel outside the fitting rooms. "Oh God," says Christine, "the bells have started."

Mary's first customer is a heavily pregnant woman. "I need more support," she says. Mary leads her into litting room five carrying a

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Mury is in fitting room three negotiating a breast reduction. The customer was a 36F and is met her target. She goes home

In search of the perfect fit at John Lewis's branch in Oxford Street,

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have it." Mary persuades the customer to wait until the plaster is off and swelling has gone down.

Ann is dispatched by a young woman with big hair and lip gloss to find a thong. "It must be plain, not satin and it must match this bra," she orders. Mary eats a scone. A young man sits at the feet of a mannequin reading a book. Girlfriend is buying a sports bra. "She won't be long." he says.

A lady phones to check if Mary will be working on Thursday. Mary fitted her last year and she wants to be fitted by her again. The "shrunk" Shock Absorber turns out to have been the wrong size. "It was a D, when it should have been a DD," says Christine. The bra is exchanged. The boy by the mannequin is reunited with his girlfriend, but only temporarily. "What do you mean, you've only been measured?"

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Closing time. Mary tidies her boxes. Fitting room seven can't decide; Ann's smile starts to flag. Christine gathers the department and reads the sales figures. Mary

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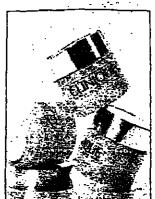
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is the place you want to take your skin back to. I'm not claiming that Clinique's products aren't good - its Dramatically Different moisturiser is divine, for a start - but what is the difference between this com-

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These are the rising stars of 1996

Which names will you hear everywhere in the year ahead? David Benedict canvassed the views of the Independent's critics



illian Wearing (above) has yet to have a full-scale solo show, but any curator with an eye on the contemporary scene in 1996 will mention her name at the drop of a hat: they're all after her. Part of the Goldsmiths' school of new British art, Wearing works in video using herself as her central subject matter and, like a lot of women artists of her generation, follows in the footsteps of Cindy Sherman, whose experiments with identity and disguise have made her one of America's best known con-temporary artists. Wearing's coup this year was showing her "Western Security" piece about cowboys in the Hayward Gallery's

There are those who consider Jake & Dinos Chapman to be something approaching cowboys, but like them or not - and there are people preparing to mount the barricades on both sides - the brothers are on the edge of making it big. Their work is designed to shock and has certainly done so thus far. Their figures are playful, their humour very boys-own variant. All their art bears witness to their obsession with mixing up periods and genres, and displays incredible craft skills - using sculpture and film - mixed with their particular brand of prurient imagery. So far the brothers have only shown at the gallery of their dealer, Victoria Miro, but they have already established a serious in-ternational reputation for themselves and, if our British taste buds can cope with them, are possible contenders for the Turner prize shortlist in 1996.

Georgina Starr has also attracted considerable attention from abroad. At home, she is best known for her video "Crying", in which she sobbed continuously. She also works in multi-media, with photographs, tape and video, while the complex narratives in her work have meant her art appeals widely. Visit to a Small Planet", currently touring in the British Art Show, recaptures what it's like to be a pre-adolescent. Her Now space in February, which should place her firmly on the art map.

THEATRE

n a former life, Philip Osment (right) was an actor with Shared Experience for Mike Alfreds. In the mid-Eighties be turned into a playwright with Gay Sweatshop's runaway success This Island's Mine. Under Osment's own direction, the 45 speaking parts – played by a cast of seven – highlighted his gift for beautifully dovetailed structure and subtle characterisation. After the success of The Dearly Beloved and this year's emotionally eloquent What I Did In the Holidays, next year's Flesh and Blood will be his third play for Mike Alfreds and will tour the country hot on the heels of *The Undertaking*, another new play for Gay Sweatshop, which should lift that company's recent mixed fortunes.

Alexandra Gilbreath is also going places in more ways than one. She attracted considerable attention as a feisty Regina in Katie Mitchell's RSC production of Ghosts, and then



starred as the central character in Phyllis Nagy's acclaimed Disappeared, Jude Kelly's uneven King Lear was notable for Gilbreath's remarkable Regan, a frightening portrait of a woman on the edge of madness. In 1996 she takes on the title role in English Touring Theatre's Hedda Gabler.

James Macdonald has directed countless well-received productions, but his meticulous and startlingly clear direction of new plays – Caryl Churchill's translation of *Thyestes*, for instance, Nick Grosso's *Peaches* or Sam Shepard's *Simpatico* – has so far succeeded in enhancing the reputations of the writers rather than the startless of the startle than advancing his own career. With The Changing Room in the Royal Court Classics season in February, and Harry and Me at the Royal Court in March, he should finally receive the overdue attention previously accorded to other more flashy directors.

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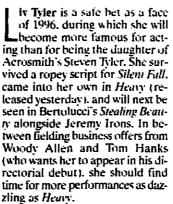
44 othing short of incredible" is what star American baritone Thomas Hampson called it when, just two weeks ago, on the Monday before Christmas, the 20-year-old Daniel Harding (right) braved a strike-bound Paris to score a standing ovation deputising at short notice for Simon Rattle at the belm of the musical knight's Birmingham band. All the more incredible given that neither work on the programme - Schoen-berg's spiky 1942 Piano Concerto and Mahler's massive vocal symphony, Dus Lied von der Erde - is exactly standard repertoire even for full-time maestros. let alone a tyro with only two previous orchestral concerts to his cv. But then Harding is no ordinary beginner: Rattle, who took him on as his assistant while he was still a music student in Manchester, has gone on record as stating that his young protégé is better than he himself was at the same age. When Harding conducted Boulez's Eclat in London last March, critics compared his economy and precision of technique to that of the Abbado's assistant in Berlin, Harding is due to celebrate his 21st birthday



but, Emma Johnson apart, which BBC Young Musician of the Year has ever become a household name? The stunning cellist and 1994 winner Natalie Clein, 18, should soon remedy that when she delivers a reprise of her heart-tugging, title-snatching Elgar Concerto in a new Channel 4 docudrama. Elgar's Tenth Muse. starting

James Fox as the ageing enigma. It's doubtful if 1996 will do for any of its anniversaried composers - Anton Bruckner (died 1896), Howard Hanson (born the same year). Virgil Thomson (ditto) and Manuel de Falla (died 1946) - what 1995 did for Pur-French master himself. Now acting as cell, but one name worth watching among the living is that of David Sawer. At 34, he's been around, but the as he means to go on - conducting (at CD issue of his 1992 Prom premiere Definitely a beat to follow for 1996. file while Sinfonietta and BBC com-Musicians may be getting younger, missions come down the pipeline.

FILM



Michael Winterbottom tpictured) is hardly a new face to television viewers - having directed Cracker and Roddy Doyle's Fumily - but now this one-time apprentice to Lindsay Anderson is proving himself capable of setting cinema screens alight, too. He directed Butterfly Kiss this year, eliciting Saskia Reeves's most fearless performance yet, and his version of Jude the Obscure, starring Christopher Eccleston, will be with us in the new year.

ty has written for Ken Loach's new film (provisionally called *Curlu's* Has already won the Los Angeles Film Critics' Award for Best Actress. Song) is drawn from what he saw and an Oscar must surely be withas a human rights lawyer and in- in sniffing distance.



vestigator in Nicaragua, a post he held for two and a half years. The film tells the story of a Glaswegian hus driver who falls for a young Nicaraguan woman and travels back to her home country with her. Currently shooting in Glasgow and Nicaragua, the film should see Laverty attract the success that his talent and commitment deserve.

If you were unlucky enough to see Cocktail you'll recognise Elisabeth Shue, but nothing can prepare you for her performance as a Vegas prostitute who falls for suicidal alcoholic Nicholas Cage in Mike Figgis's new film Leaving Las Vegus. Shue is raw and moving; the film feels like an The screenplay that Paul Laver- announcement of her arrival. She

POP



aissa (above) haven't released a thing ver, but their debut gig in darkest Har-low in early 1995 was a stark, urgent affair which proved they could carry off their sparky melodies on stage. Singer Rice's out-of-body vocals are just the icing on a very rich cake. There are echoes of dub. trip-hop, bubblegum pop and the Cocteau Twins. But what matters most is that Raissa write tunes that are harder to shake than cold sores. Their first single, "Your Summertime", is out early February; they have recorded their album with Mark Saunders. who co-produced Tricky's Maxinquaye, the album of this year; they play live at London's LA2 on 26 January. And, frankly, your life is incomplete without them.

In all the Britpop hoo-hah. The Bluetones were rather forgotten, confused with the insipid Cast and caught up in a strange sub-mod movement. In fact, their strange sub-mod movement. In fact, then songs are carefully crafted pop gems, from the gorgeous "Blutonic" to the bouncy, irresistibly catchy new single "Slight Return" (released in January). The latter should win them untold acclaim and riches should be allowed by allowing ball or and it will be one - if the album's half as good, it will be one of the year's essential purchases.

It was a good year for 60 Ft Dolls. A place on the NME's Brat Bus tour, a support slot for the Boo Radleys (who they blew clear out of the water, no trouble) and every hint of rock 'n' roll behaviour relayed to adoring fans by a salivating music press. And 1996 will be better. This Newport band fly the punk flag but their songs - "Happy Shopper", about a tough transvestite, and "Pig Valentine", a dig at Saturday night clubbers are too dotty to be nailed to any one genre.

American Joan Osbourne is a complex derivative of her times and place. There are hints of Bonnie Raitt about her mannered. bluesy rasp, and her rhythm section is tuned for the roadhouse, yet virtually all the material on her debut album (out this spring on Mercury) is shot through with the kind of off-kilter, art-house theatricality that alternative" such a nonular word in American mainstream culture. Watch out for dates next month.

And watch out for:







The Royal Ballet has so far failed to capitalise upon Cooper's talent, which shone forth when he nipped away to star in Matthew Bourne's hugely theatrical Swan Lake. Next year it tours the country which will make him a nationwide, fully fledged star.

JOHN HANNAH acting



ITV's McCallum may not prove to be the vehicle that propels him into the hearts and minds of the nation, but Hannah is set for great things after splendid work in Four Neddings and a Funeral and as a member of the Steve Coogan repertory company

JUSTIN WEBB



With his Fittles matinee-idol looks, Webb represents the softer face of BBC interviewing He recently progressed from the comflake run to reading the main evening news and now looks set to take political confrontation into a gentler era after the Paxman years.

Next Week: The best shows of 1996

Make sure you don't miss out - make a date in your diary to eatch our preview guide to the best arts events of the coming year: from Simon Callow's new RSC staging of Les Enfants du Paradis to Twyla Tharp's return to the Royal Ballet, from David Alden's ENO Tristan to the coming of the big Cézanne show to the Royal Academy

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BALLET

Les Patineurs, Royal Opera House, London For all his heavyweight footwork, Tetsuya Kumakawa only scratches the surface of Frederick Ashton's subtle skating piece

rederick Ashton's Les Patineurs, set to Constance Lambert's irritating flippancy. Sure, he's neatly tailored arrangement of meant to dazzle us, but Komakawa some of Meverbeer's most catchy tunes, is a ballet about skaters and skating. Nothing remarkable in that, given that dancing has long been an important part of skating's artistry. But because Les Putineurs was first performed in 1937, it reveals something of the way in which people skated or ice-danced -60 years ago. And that, perhaps, is the clue to why this most lightweight of Ashton's works is more than just a quaint pic-

ture of winter recreation. These days, ice rinks seem full of rowdy youths who can barely stand upright in their support boots. I doubt that every skating pond observed or imagined by Ashton when he made Les Praineurs qualified as a model of refined social interaction. But the ballet "skaters" here have ventured out for nothing more than some well-mannered sliding and gliding. Nearly all progress to more ambitious manocuvres, but Ashton reserves the most conspicuous feats of virtuosity for the Blue Boy, a lone figure who wheel-jumps around the stage and is left spinning on the spor us the curtain falls. Unfortunately, Tetsuya Kumakawa treats the role

excess of technique coupled with an turns the choreography's fleetfooted teasers into a series of hollow stunts. The effect is ruinous to the intrinsic, gentle charm of Ashton's ballet. He's the ballet's outsider for all the wrong reasons accosting us with tricks that seem self-congratulatory and vacuous next to the occasional swanking of Ashton's merry band of skaters.

In the work's central pas de deux - an extended romantic interlude for a couple in white, fur-trimmed Sunday best.—Stuart Cas-sidy and Muriel Valtat demonstrate all the shapely, unhurried elegance of movement and phrasing. Dated yet still charming. Les Patineurs is a vision of that "celebrated sweet kind" of skating, as the great American critic Edwin Denby described Sonja Henie's 1940s ice dances.

Less sweet but more twee is the revival of that seasonal moneyspinner, Tales of Beatrix Potter. Ashton's film choreography transposed to the stage by Anthony Dowell. Organised as a collection of dances for Potter's animal characters - Mrs Tiggy-winkle, Jeremy Fisher, Squirrel Nutkin - it's most of the Blue Boy in much the same likely to appeal to children and to dle-duck in the hope of a tasty



'Les Patineurs': Dated yet charming

cuddly toys. Potter's unsentimental treatment of her own animals - the real-life model for Mrs Tiggywinkle was put down with chloroform - is barely hinted at, although the fox who chases Jemima Pudway that he treats any role; with an the sort of adults who still collect meal, and the bacon truck which

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pulls up next to Pigling Bland and Pig-wig provide some respite from all the flopsy bunny cuteness of this 70-minute animal fare.

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TELEVISION

Knowing Me Knowing Yule... with Alan Partridge (BBC2)

It's not easy being incompetent – Alan Partridge is to chat-show interviewing what Rudolf Nureyev was to spot welding. But maybe it's time to get real. By Jasper Rees

demonstrated this week. ries, while the restless Par-tridge scriptwriters how and ha ings, that incompetence is a time-consuming business. It diaries. In fiction, Partridge takes far longer to portray a slowly unfolding cock-up than a success in which all runs smoothly. Alan Partridge is one step up from Broomfield in the evolutionary scale of broadcasting competence: at least he gets the interviews, but conducts them so appullingly that he extracts no more from them than if he had interrogated a tree trunk.

It may well be that, like Broomfield, Partridge will come to resemble a one-trick pony. solely programmed to unleash his rib-tickling intolerance on blumeless sofa-fodder. He specialises in digging himself into very deep holes, and sometimes the process overruns. His cock-ups are only mockups, like the studio re-creation of the Partridge hearth, but their excruciating accuracy can cut too close to the bone.

The central conceit of Knowing Me Knowing Yule... with Alan Partridge was that the well to safeguard the second series. In reality, of course, the ified GP. The pre-recorded rather than feigned danger.

and look for the window in their tried to curry favour by inviting on to the show the chief commissioning editor for BBC television, a safely unreal post but none the less played by David Schneider as a trendy, worthy hybrid of Alan Yentob and Michael Jackson, Needless to say. Partridge's curry-favouring backfired: his final act was to glove the Beeb boss with a bird seasonally located in a pear tree.

Although in every sense a knockout joke, some other gags didn't pack quite the same punch. Our host quickly tired of the cross-dressing chef's saucy doubles entendres, and for once you were in sympathy with him. Sometimes the line between television that drags intentionally and television that just drags is not so very

The details remain delimetaphors ("My show is your bell. Please peel it"), his in-Christmas special has to go struction to researchers to find out if Dr Hook is a fully qual-

lick Broomfield has already BBC is gagging for another se-tour of Norwich, where Partridge jogs in the cathedral cloisters and shops after closing at Tandy, was the eleverest and most richly detailed segment of the show. Line of the night revealed that, since the bombing of Dresden, Norwich has boasted the most pre-Reformation churches in the world: an ingenious Partridgean cocktail of pointless East Anglian trumpet-blowing and pointed xenophobic tri-

As for the chat, it might underwrite the basic joke to show Partridge getting something right. And it may be a heresy to suggest it, but it might even be worth switching his attention to real personalities instead of invented ones. Mrs Merton is already on this patch, and running out of volunteers, but he is clearly capable of attracting non-fictional guests because Mick Hucknall, plainly a fan doing the Partridge team a favour, came on to sing out the ciously choice: Partridge's credits with a curol. Although meretricious tangents and it would involve sacrificing control over one half of the script and usher in the risk of genuine embarrassment, to go legit would bring a sense of real



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Plot: This brief and morally strenuous novel is set in the Puritan community of 17th century Boston. In a leisurely introduction, Hawthorne establishes his identity of "narrator". The novel opens with Hester Prynne standing on an anachronistic public scaffold in front of a large, indignant crowd. She is charged with adultery but she won't name her lover: As a punishment she must be exposed to public abuse and is condemned to wear the letter "A" woven onto her clothes. In her arms

she carries her illegitimate child. Pearl. Hester's husband is an English scholar who had sent her to Boston. He was to follow her but never turned up because he had been captured by Indians. He escaped and now stands among the speciators in disguise. Assuming the name of Roger Chill-ingworth he vows to uncover Hester's secret. He is a bit mad.

In fact, Pearl's father is the young minister, Arthur Dimmesdale, Arthur buries his guilt but, over the course of the book, it gnaws its way to the surface. Meanwhile, Hester's kindness to the community seems to change the meaning of the letter that she wears.

Chillingworth catches Arthur talking to Hester in the woods. Leaping to the correct conclusion, he begins to haunt Arthur and makes some rather suggestive remarks. Arthur loses control: after delivering a punchy Election Day sermon he finally stands with Hester and Pearl on the scaffold. He admits his guilt and that the letter "A" now means Arthur. With this semantic shift, he dies. Chillingworth's life is now

void of meaning, and he realises it. Pearl goes to Europe but Hester chooses to remain in the community and continue a life of contrition.

Theme: Hawthorne is one of the first American writers to note how the original settlers allowed the opportunity of the new continent to slip away. The first buildings in any community were always the church and the prison.

The romance (as Hawthorne called the book) illustrates the dangers and similarities of guilt and pride. Chillingworth and Dimmesdale are consumed by secrets and fail to live useful lives.

Hester's honesty becomes a blazon and her secret is protective rather than selfish. The letter "A" transforms her into a sort of female knight errant. rescuing the distressed.

Style: The narrative voice seems straightforward, but this is a deliberate illusion. The narrator is often ambiguous and enjoys withholding important "facts". Judgements are partial and conclusions left open.

Chief strengths: No facile answers are provided here. Hester is, after all. guilty; Pearl the "Elfin" child, has devilish traits: the Puritans are given their due. Chillingworth and Dimmesdale are villains because of their hypocrisy but remain sympathetic because they are both self-destructive.

The reader is tempted to oversimplify and Hawthorne shows how such simplifications lead to tragedy.

Chief weaknesses: "The symbolism is overdone at times and becomes mechanical; it ceases to be impressive and grazes triviality." (Henry James)

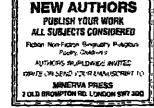
Pearl's cute knowingness has some of the same sugary stickiness as Dickens's dwarfish cuddlies, although Pearl is allowed to grow up and isn't assigned to a lachrymose death-bed.

What they thought of it then: One or two early critics felt that Hawthorne was condoning adultery but it gently insinnated itself into classic status. Henry James, in 1879, affirmed his belief that it was the first genuine example of "literature" that America had managed to

What we think of it now: D.H. Lawrence considered it "one of the greatest allegories in all literature" and his enthusiasm carried F.R. Leavis in its wake: Leavis places it in his nefarious "Great

Postmodern critics love the idea of a character who is a letter and a letter whose meaning changes, at that. This opens up infinite possibilities of frenzied interpretation.

Responsible for: Henry James and his love of symbols: sacred founts, golden howls, figures in carpets etc. Also the recent film with Demi Moore.



Marco Polo and the history with a hole

The world's most famous traveller never went to China, says a new book. Oh yes he did, says William Dalrymple

Did Marco Polo go to China? by Frances Wood, Secker & Warburg, £14.99

t has been a bad decade for Dead White Males. There was a time when death meant you could Rest In Peace, reasonably confident that the obituary writers would give a kindly gloss to your failures and achievements. No longer. Today, no sooner has a figure been laid to rest than the revisionists are exhuming the corpse and dancing on the cadaver. And the trend seems to be on the increase. The decade opened with Columbus receiving a full-scale assault from politically-correet American historians. (Discovered America? What about the Native Americans?). Now, so it seems, it's Marco Polo's turn.

This latest assault is the work of Frances Wood, the head of the Chinese Department of the British Library. Her claim that Marco Polo never went to China appears at first sight to be a particularly blatant example of the look-at-me school of revisionism. For what primary school student does not know about Polo? His book has been turned into a strip cartoon, a one-man show at the Edinburgh Festival, even a television drama starring Leonard (Mr Spock) Nimoy as Kubla Khan. Short of claiming that William the Conqueror never invaded England in 1066, it is difficult to think of any wheeze more likely to propel a medievalist into the limelight.

Wood's argument is largely based on negative evidence: that there is no mention of Marco Polo in the surviving Chinese archives; that Polo fails to notice any evidence of footbinding, there's not a squeak about tea and nothing about the Great Wall. He is even taken to task for failing to spot the cormorants of the Yangtze.

Yet this line of attack rests on an extremely dubious interpretation of the whole thrust of the Travels. Polo was not writing a 13th-century Lonely Planet Guidebook. There is no rea-

Wall which, according to the most recent scholarship, did not exist at the time, the original wall having long decayed while the present structure (the work of the 16th-century Ming

Dynasty) was yet to be erected. Although the Travels has a reputation as a romantic book of adventures, Polo was in fact writing a dry factual guide to the commerce of the Silk Road, a book by a merchant for other merchants. It contained lists of goods available on the caravan routes, as well as advice on how to overcome the difficulties on the way: where to stock up with provisions, where to keep an eye out for robbers, how to cross a desert.

Despite the romantic topspin given to the book by Marco Polo's ghost writer, a Genoese troubadour named Rustichello (whose additions stand out as clearly as paragraphs of tabloid journalism inserted into a PhD), Polo's book seems to have been planned as an ordinary merchant's manual, not dissimilar to other manuals of the time such as the Pratica della Mercutura of the Florentine, Francesco Pegolotti. Indeed of its type it is a very fine example. The Travels contained more accurate and detailed information about the Silk Route than was available at the time from any other source, in either the Islamic or Christian worlds. Had the Travels really been cobbled together in Constantinople from travellers' gossip, it should be full of the dogheaded monsters and cabbage-like silk trees referred to by other

medieval chroniclers. As it is, while Polo may make what we would consider to be some odd omissions, he rarely gets anything wrong. In this respect, he stands in remarkable contrast to the great majority of medieval travellers' tales. Certainly Polo is a model of factual

contemporary Eastern attempt to describe Europe, The History of the Franks by the Persian scholar Rashid-ud-Din, which claims, for example, that the Pope was in the habit of using the Holy Roman Emperor's neck as a step to mount his horse.

Moreover there is nothing at all surprising in the idea that Marco Polo did get to China. In the 13th century the Mongol Empire stretched from Poland to the Pacific, It had excellent communications - infinitely more sophisticated than those of medieval Europe - and Polo was simply one of the great number of Europeans who took advantage of the opportunities this presented.

In the 1240s, a generation before Polo's journey, the Pope's envoy, John of Piano Carpini, had safely reached the Great Khan's camp in Outer Mongolia. Ten years later William of Rubrick made the same journey and records meeting a bost of Europeans at his destination: among others, William Buchier, a goldsmith from Paris, some impoverished Germans and Basil "the son of an Englishman". By the early 14th century, the Vatican had established a Franciscan archbishop in Peking, while a whole colony of Venetians was operating on the Chinese coast of Hang-Chow and Zayton. When all this is taken into account, the conclusions of Dr Wood's book appear highly suspect, and raise far more questions than they answer.

That said, Did Marco Polo go to China? still makes fascinating reading. It is unusually well written, with a light and often waspishly witty tone: it is mercitully free of academic jargon; and it contains the most up-to-date discussion about Marco Polo's Travels available in English. Its wilder claims should be treated with extreme cautions but it is still one of the liveliest introductions to the his-



From stockings and pearls to wampum belts and sects

An approachable new book from a distinguished scholar brings three resourceful 17th-century women to life. By Sue Gaisford

women who had, at first sight, little in common. One was a Jewish businesswoman, one a Lutheran naturalist, one an Ursuline nun. They were all born ing a decade of human life, it is in different countries, the first two half-way through the 17th century, the third 50 years earlier. Yet Natalie Zemon Davis (the distinguished historian and author of The Return of Manin Guerre) sees many parallels across as a strong, brave, bossy between them, the strongest

being their determination. Glikl ben Judah Leib was married at 14 and had 12 surviving children. The daughter of a Hamburg trader, she was widowed at 43 and set about supporting her brood by dealing in stockings and pearls. She remarried but her second husband

This is a book about three moved in with a married daugh- Women on the Margins ter for the rest of her life. What makes her remarkable is the by Natalie Zemon Davis document she left for her descendants. In seven books, each markan example of the Jewish tradition of an 'ethical will', an autobiography spiced with stories and parables drawn from folklore, the Bible, classical history and her own experiences. She comes woman, and curiously modern the type who'd be so keen to tell you what to do you'd never get

her off the phone. Maria Sibylla Merian left no autobiography behind her, but she did leave her husband. These days, we'd describe as a danger-Labadists whose community in went bankrupt and died and she Friesland she ran away to join. Hourishes) high above the St and whom she came to love. She

Yet through them, she decided to visit Surinam where she developed her keen interest in the metamorphosis of insects, producing beautiful and accurate paintings of their life cycles, and pickling many of the little creepycrawlies in brandy.

As for Marie Guyart, she was probably the bravest of the lot. A wife at 17, a mother at 18 and a widow at 19, she left her son to her sister's care and joined the Ursuline order in Tours, From ous cult the group of strict there, she travelled to Canada and founded a school (which still



Lawrence river. It was tremendously wild country, populated by Iroquois, Hurons and Algonquins - people then known as Savages - whose languages she learnt son portray a wisdom and fortitude rare in any age.

Each of these three deserves

her own biography: together they represent the resilience and resourcefulness of women determined to follow their destiny. Davis has written a profoundly. scholarly book about them but she has also attempted to make. them approachable. Sometimes this works, particularly when she goes into details: Glikl complains that her children are spout and dissatisfied with the simple plea-sures of life; Maria Sibylla nurtures daughters and caterpillars in her busy Dutch kitchen; Marie Guyart. in her last agony, is concerned only for the welfare of her

beloved Savages.

was a mystic and a teacher whose attempts to unite the three in a deeply affectionate letters to her kind of resuscitation exercise, a short play in which they all grumble at being thrown together, and when she justifies her book in terms of her own delight in following their adventures. Nor is it a good idea to publish so many pictures in poor quality black and white reproductions. The Torah binders "embroidered by women for the circumcision of their sons', the alarming Waiyami wasp mats and wampum belts look sadly dull, and Maria Sibylla's fastidious paintings cry out for modern colour printing. But these are quibbles. To

read this passionately committed book is to feel admiration for the efforts of such brave women to make the most of their lives, and gratitude to Natalie Zemon It works less well when Davis Davis for celebrating them.

Bungalows and giant bananas

Henry Sutton's first novel is an assured, likeable tale of love and betrayal among the over-70s. By Hugo Barnacle

leston was much quieter, much safer. But it was the noise and danger of Great Yarmouth that

Percy wanted now." The Norfolk seaside town of the title still has beach huts, a pier and a couple of hotels. Owing to an over-enthusiastic decision by the council, it also has, in summer, buses disguised us giant bananas. But no one has been on holiday there for 20 years and, except for a new estate populated by Americans working the North Sea rigs, its population

Dercy rarely went to for Birds Eye, is about to embark Gorleston Yarmouth. People living in on an affair with dangerous. Gorleston rarely did... Gor-man-cating widow Queenie, the by Henry Sutton raciest of five Gorleston sisters. She dyes her hair orange. chainsmokes, shouts "Coo-ee!" at people and likes to do stuntdriving tricks in her Metro on Marine Parade, usually at lunchtime so that the more moan and groan. I love you I love decrepit clientele in the urinescented dining rooms of the scufront hotels can all see and be shocked by her.

retired from a career in packaging ing Jungle exhibition and, back at hardly any failed stylistic enter- pointlessly, stakes out shops where out, in an abrupt and contrived

Sceptre, £9.99

her Gorleston bungalow, tunibling into bed. "She started to you. he whispered as the constel-lations twinkled above 16 Yallop Avenue, Gorleston-on-Sea.

Lawe among the aged is in It is of course Queenic who lures Percy into driving his Cava-her through Yarmouth's pedestrian precinct, riding the roller-coaster with her, smoking under ist and the benefits of age and Shy, trusting widower Percy, the No Smoking sign in the Liv- experience show. There are address and drives by her house happy marriage. He then finds

prises or sentimental excesses till the end. By making Percy one of a notoriously buttoned-up lower-middle-class type – "he had never undressed in front of his wife and never had sex with anyone else at all" - Sutton is able to treat him, convincingly, like a naive and romantic teenage boy. The affair with Queenie is thus ridiculous, but no more so than certain events that Sutton and his readers can probably recall from their own lives.

Percy becomes fascinated after one first glimpse. He tactically makes friends with Queenie's purple-rinsed sister Toots, brings up Queenie's sacred name in every conversation, discovers her

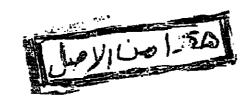
callous heartbreaker everybody says she is. All that teenage stuff.

The outcome is unsurprising, as we are left in no doubt that Queenie is the typical "pretty one" of the family, a 70-plus version of the spoilt, ruthless bitch we've all fallen for at some time. This leads to the book's one real problem, apart from the over-heavy irony attending Percy's fond hopes. The end of the affair, being so predictable, does not make a sufficiently strong pay-off, so Sutton has to provide another one.

Percy falls back on the memory of his late wife and their long.

he might run into her and gal-lantly believes that she is not the he believed it to be in that twist, that all was not entirely as department either. Sutton's sense of humour falters, a false, melodramatic note is struck, and the

novel's last line is a clunker. "He put the car into gear," it says. "He knew he could never go back." As Percy is parked on the clifftop at the time, facing out to sea, we need to know whether he's engaging reverse and plan-ning to leave town or engaging first and planning to go over the top (along with Sutton) for a silly, suicidal finale. We aren't told. The withheld resolution, such a dismal feature of Sixties TV scripts, won't really do any more. But on the whole Gorleston is an assured, likeable piece of work.



When Britannia ruled the **Waves**

Once upon a time, the Royal Navy was more than just an armed service. It was a passion. By Jan Morris

The Oxford Illustrated History of the Navy ed. J.R.Hill, Oxford, £25

his collection of essays declares itself the definitive one-volume history of the Royal Navy, and concludes with an assessment of the Navy in 1993 - a naval serashamed of the Navy. It doesn't care two hoots about the Navy, except perhaps as the subject of rather embaritself, the Royal Navy reached its true finale with the Great Victory of 1945: since then it has simply been, as every-one knows, just a contributory flotilla to the admiralty of the Americans.

National self-consequence is in poor taste now, but half a century ago nobody could possibly have sneered when the King of England crossed the English Channel in one of his warships, Royal Standard at the mainmast, to observe the invasion of Normandy. The immense maritime operation had been overwhelmingly a British achievement: around the King's ship milled a vast grey fleet flying the White Ensign; everyone knew that whatever kind of cock-up the British Army made of things, the Royal Navy would do its job with dignity and efficiency. It must be difficult for a later generation to realise the place the Navy then held in the pride and affection of the British people.

The book begins with the statutory references to round-ships, the Cinque Ports and the Battle of Sluys, and dutifully concludes with a chapter or two about NATO, the Falklands and all vice, the editor says, "of which that; but it is in effect a grand memo-the nation can be proud". The truth is rial to a lost infatuation, which was that; but it is in effect a grand memothat the nation is neither proud nor really born with Nelson. The Nelsonic story itself, its dash and its sacrifice, its emotional comradeship, its romantic fallibility, for more than a century rassing television films. Like Britain summed up the British people's feeling about their Navy: and to many of those who served in it, too, the Navy was more than just an armed service, but a kind of passion - "a two-fisted, free-living, implacable, tragic, jovial. splendid service". Admiral Lord Charles Beresford once wrote of it in a rare moment of lyricism.

The 14 eminent contributors to this book certainly do not let emotion run away with them. A professor at Cornell, the officer in charge of the Australian Navy's tactical development cell, a distinguished naval architect. a hydrographer of the Navy, a chairman of the Society for Nautical Research, sundry academics and defence analysts, they are all pre-eminent in their various fields, but are not by and large tuggers at the heart-strings. Nor are they, of course, mere propagandists. There is no hiding the incompetences, paltry rivalries, foolish economic decisions.



Sea food: dinner in the mess deck of a light cruiser c.1914-1918. The tables were secured to the deckhead after use to provide space to sling hammocks

misjudgements and bigotries which have so often weakened the British Navy; but now that the story is really ended, there is no denying either the historical truth that all in all the Navy won. It battled through to the end, often losing a fight but seldom losing a war, and the British people were right to see in it an epitome of what was best and strongest about themselves.

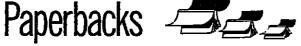
Admiral Hill, the exemplary editor of the work, of course makes the point that naval history is not just ships. sailors and strategy. Economics, sociology and politics all got their due attention, and the illustrations include not only the usual portraits of admirals. prints of smoke-shrouded ancient victories and photographs of peculiar

lovely paintings, reproduced in colour, to remind us that the Navy often played upon the sensibilities of artists, too, I don't think there is much revisionist writing in the collection, and there is little of the creative fire that raged through Corelli Barnett's recent history of the Navy in the Second World War: but there is steady judgement, able writing, and of course profound knowledge (though I may perhaps be forgiven the impertinence of pointing out that the Battle of the Taku Forts was not, as Andrew Lambert has it on page 182,

'Jacky" Fisher's baptism of fire...). Mr Lambert, in an otherwise impeccable essay on the Navy and the Victorian Empire, says that the Taku battle was the Royal Navy's only significant Victorian battleships, but also some defeat in the 19th century. There were

plenty to come in the 20th, though, Humiliating reverses in the First World War, diverse shambles in the Second. demonstrated that the Royal Navy's Nelsonic pre-eminence was lost already. Pathos was not among the qualities "Charlie" Beresford saw in his beloved Victorian Navy and it is distressing even now to read of the disadvantages under which, all too often through no fault of its own, the Navy struggled towards its end: rickety Swordfish biplanes lumbering heroically but generally vainly towards the enemy; poor old unreconstructed Hood, up against the Bis-marck: Prince of Wales with no air cover, out-gunned MTBs; Dudley Pound, with his fatal brain tumour already developing, scattering the con-

But it won. In those days the British saw their Navy in the context of a long and mighty tradition - the most famous exemplar of a great nation with an epic history. Who sees the Royal Navy in those terms now? Foreign Anglophiles perhaps, but very few Britons. Only those of more than a certain age will still get a thrill of pride from this handsome book; just as only a few elderly romanties, pausing to contemplate the roster of names on the naval war memorial on Plymouth Hoe, the majestic titles of the fleets once dispersed across the oceans, the terrible battle-honours. the long, long register of men lost at sea in so many distant halt-forgotten actions - only a few of us still have to wipe away a tear.



Reviewed by Emma Hagestadt and Christopher Hirst



Blood on the Tracks by Miles Bredin (Picador, £6.99).

A young reporter's gung-ho, rather shapeless account of an intermittent rail journey between Angola and Mozambique in 1992. Augusta and Mozannique in 1992. With less than half the 2,760-mile line operational, he doesn't board a train until page 129. After a terrifying brush with the Angolan civil war, Bredin is graphic on Africa's endemic corruption Africa's endemic corruption, inflation and decay. Some may find his puppyish enthusiasm



The Literary Companion to Cats ed, Clare Boylan (Sinclair-Stevenson, £9.99)

Clare Boylan isn't sentimental. Once, finding a note from the cleaner - "Cat is in the bin" - she promptly interred the creature. along with a fluffy bag of hoover emptyings, in the garden, A wonderfully skittish collection of feline literature, including Barbara Pym on cat fleas, Dora Carrington on cat lust and Boylan's personal favouite -Francis Scarfe's poem "Old Cat".



De Valera by Tim Pat Coogan (Arrow, £9.99)

Chatty and outspoken, Coogan has conjured a lively read from the distant figure who dominated Ireland for much of this century. Though De Valera was vilified in Britain for insisting on Irish neutrality, Coogan notes that he shackled the IRA during the war. In the post-war world, "Dev" emerges as economically inept and a cultural isolationist. Coogan's verdict: "He did little useful and much harmful."



Harvest by Celia Brayfield (Viking, £9.99)

Jane Knight, author of bestselling cookery books, has arranged a birthday party for her husband at their Gascon farmhouse. Among the guests are her husband's exlover (the beautiful but infertile Grace), his daughter (the beautiful, but pregnant Imogen) and Grace's husband Nick (specialist in HIV-positive babies). A fragrant blockbuster which, the author darkly hints, has been inspired by "true-life" events.



The Book of Sodom by Paul Hallam (Verso, £10.95)

There's no shortage of literature about the "city of the plain" (whence our swear-word "sod"). Hallam's quirky anthology ranges from Proust to porn. His introduction - part autobiography. part a history of gay London could happily be expanded to book length. The cover-pic of a naked man having a fag lit for him was taken in that gay bastion - the Newcastle United changing-



Brando by Peter Manson (Orion, £8.99)

A big book about a big man. Peter Manson subpoena-ed over 700 witnesses for his hiography of Marlon Brando, all willing to testify to the star's prodigious appetite for women and self-loathing. Most interesting are Manson's takes on Brando's goings-on in Tahiti which eventually led to the murder of Brando's daughter's fiancée by Brando's son. A sad account of a vastly talented man.

The old school polymath

All-rounders like Walter Oakeshott aren't allowed in today's world. By Godfrey Hodgson

voy PQ17 to its fearful destruction.

I fyou go into the British Museum and turn right, you will find the room in which the museum keeps its most precious manuscript treasures. Two of the oldest of these were discovered by one man, and he was not a professional scholar, but a schoolmaster.

One is the original manuscript of Malory's Morte d'Arthur, which Walter Oakeshott recognised in the library at Winchester College when he was teaching there. The other is a notebook which he himself bought before he realized it contained the notes Sir Walter Raleigh made for his History of the World while awaiting execution in the Tower of London.

Those two great discoveries, though, were only incidental to Oakeshott's life. He was an all-rounder of a kind that is simply not allowed in today's world; in a career of dazzling versatility, he led a more than double life. Starting with a double First in Classics from Balliol College. Oxford, he carned his living teaching in public schools and universities. ending his career as Vice-Chancellor of Oxford. But at one time or another he also tried his hand at journalism, eco-

nomics, sociology, and art history.

Oakeshott's first book was an economic history of trade. Renaissance maps were a hobby, and he discovered the one used by the Elizabethan explorer Anthony Jenkinson when he tried to travel from Russia to China. He edited Raleigh's love poems to Queen Elizabeth. His interests extended to modern architecture, and as Vice-Chancellor at Oxford he supported the new school of engineering as well as helping to set up

Walter Oakeshott by John Dancy Michael Russell, £24

the reforming Franks committee. His greatest scholarly work, though, was the study and editing of the two great 12th-century illuminated bibles in the library of Winchester cathedral. By

analysing the way they drew details such as hair, leaves or drapery, he identified individual artists like "the Master of the Leaping Figures" and the "Master of the Gothic Majesty".

He was no cloistered aesthete, how-

ever. In the late Thirties he wrote a ground-breaking report. Men Without Block, on long-term unemployment, a subject which is still sadly relevant today. It contributed to the Beveridge Report, and so to the intellectual foundations of the Welfare State.

Painfully shy, with indifferent health and afflicted by recurrent depression reminiscent of Winston Churchill's "black dog". Oakeshott was not robust. In 1953, while headmaster of Winchester, his career, and his emotional life. suffered two terrible blows which almost broke him. The son of a master hanged himself in the chapel and Oakeshott was with the father when he found the boy's body. Shortly afterwards, he seriously mishandled a minor scandal when he tried to persuade a tough, military housemaster who had exceeded his

authority to resign. Yet this gentle, owlish man with his

wide-brimmed hats and self-effacing drawl, who could seem almost too good for this world, continued to work furiously into his eighties, and as Vice-Chancellor at Oxford showed a surprising toughness and realism in his efforts to propel that stubborn institution into the modern world. "It must have been very like this", he said one night at Lincoln's high table after a dinner for which both butler and chet had excelled themselves, "at Fountains just before the dissolution of the monasteries".

John Dancy calls Oakeshott a late product of "Balliolismus". The Balliol ethos, nourished by Victorian worthics such as T.H.Green and Benjamin Jowett, was perhaps the product of nonconformist morality shifted into a cult of work and service. A generation which had lost its religious faith kept a quasireligious belief in the lay trinity of Beauty, Truth and Goodness, That cult bred an ethos of service, but also high spiritual ambition. The idea was that men should go from Balliol to serve Church and State, but in that service should continue to pursue their own per-

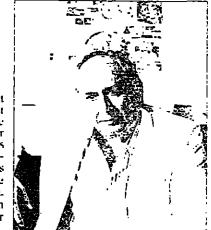
sonal cultivation — and their salvation. It is less than 10 years since Walter Oakeshort died. Yet in the world of Newt Gingrich and Rupert Murdoch the Balliolism of his generation seems as extinct as that of Fountains Abbey before Henry VIII started hanging abbots at their own gates. His scholarship can be patronized as amateur, his dedication to excellence can be attacked as elitism. Yet there remains something admirable and precious about a man who could set himself such high standards.

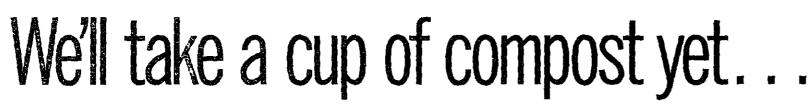
Who's reading whom?

J.G.Ballard's first volume of collected non-fiction. 'A User's Guide to the Millennium' will be published by HarperCollins in January

When Albert Camus died in a car crash in 1900, the manuscript of his last novel *The First Man* (Hamish Hamilton) was found in the wreckage. It is perhaps two thirds of what Camus in the state of the control of the camus in th intended - enough to publish - but as his daughter points out in the introduction, its colonialist subject matter and the fact that Camus was under attack from the extreme left-wing of the French intelligensia, convinced his widow it was untimely to release it. We is extraordinary,

are lucky to have it now. It is the most brilliant semi-autobiographical account of an Algerian childhood amongst the grinding poverty and stoicism of poor French-Algerian colonials. Camus's notes and revisions appear as an appendix and the evolution of the book is clearly visible. His ability to conjure landscape and atmosphere in long. long sentences of exact description without resorting to simile or metaphor





Anna Pavord reviews the past year's triumphs and failings in the garden and makes plans for next year's new growth

start counting jars of chutney in the larder, pillowcases in the airing cup-As the counting of the little triumphs and the rather more memorable disasters proceeds, you have to keep your fingers crossed that you are going to come out in credit. I think I might just have broken even if it hadn't been for the wall.

The kitchen garden is hounded by stone walls about 18 inches thick and eight or nine feet high. In a foul weekend of westerly gales, storms and hail a 30-foot section of the west wall came crashing down on the border. crushing the fun-trained pears that had been spreadcagled against it. I mind the pears more than the wall. When everything else in the garden threatened to

The old mason who has kept

our place more or less stuck together since we have been here board, leaks in the roof. It is a has died, so strange builders five different outdoor varieties I minate. process that includes the garden. have been coming to look at the wall. There has been much sucking of teeth. "What you want there is a nice bit of breezeblock," said the first. The second talked about using his band saw to cut up all the hig stones. "Give them a nice flat face. Make them easier to handle. You'll have a nice lot of stone left over." He wanted the spare stone to do a repair job in the neighbouring village. The third one talked encouragingly about lime mortar. which is what Paddy, our old mason, used to use, but his fin- (Marshalls 99p) looks similar ger seemed to have slipped writing the quote. It was enough to build a granny annexe, let alone

a garden wall. gallop away out of control. I there and, unfortunately, there is of May, so there is no benefit in

ever for crops. The freezer. bulging with tomatoes, bears tesgrew was "Dario" (Marshalls, £1.771. Having grown smallish tomatoes such as "Red Alert" and "Tornado" for some time, it was a treat to have these big. round fruits, each at least a quarter of a pound in weight.

Marshalls talk of it as a bush tomato, but because of our slugproblem, I grew some of the "Dario" plants up canes, pinching out side shoots, and they still cropped well. As frosts came so late, we were still picking them at the end of November, "St Pierre" one to try this year.

You can sow any time during growing outside, though, you So, the gaping hole is still can't put out plants until the end

it with clingfilm and leave it on timony to that. The star of the the kitchen window sill to ger-

> When the seedlings are established, prick them out into three inch pots, one plant to a pot, and grow them on in these until it is time to transplant them outside. Timing that last shift is the only tricky thing about growing tomatoes. You want them hardened off and planted out as soon as you can, so that cropping will start early. The earliest date I have picked outdoor tomatoes is 4 July. That was the bush variety "Tumbler". Cold nights in late spring, though, will turn leaves

blue and check growth. The most dramatic happening of the year was the invitation to March and April. If you are a neighbour's house in early summer to watch the opening of the buds on her night-flowering cactus. Epiphyllum oxypeudum. The an hour) is at least six inches used to go and look at the pears. no way I can avoid seeing it as I sowing too early. Sowing around plant itself is an untidy looking across, a mass of thin spidery

There is a terrible compul-symbols of order lined out text-go down to pull leeks and collect—the end of March works for me—thing, standing about five feet—outer petals which widen as they—need full sun. An east or west fac-sion at the end of the year—book fashion against their long—Brussels sprouts.——the end of March works for me—thing, standing about five feet—outer petals which widen as they—need full sun. An east or west facin the south, but mid-April may—high in a pot, with stems flattened—approach—the—centre—of—the—ing—window would suit—them. in a five inch pot, water it, cover tus, but one that likes wet rather and smells so sweet, you could than dry. Its native habitat is Central America, where it is an epihyte, scrambling around in trop-

> The buds hang down on long fleshy stems from the flattened leaf-stems. The outside is stained pink, and fleshy bud scales make each one look like some tropical insect rather than a flower. Round about eight o'clock at night, the buds begin to stir and the whole process of them opening is like watching a speeded up nature film. You can hear the petals cracking out from the tightly folded bud parcels. The flower opens a pure, mesmerising white with a complicated centre of creamy stamens and a

predatory looking stigma. The flower, fully-opened (it looks good after half an hour, but is not fully shaken out for about

get drunk on that alone. The smell is there for whatever moth pollinates it in its Central American home. By morning, the flower has crumpled and hangs like a wet disheloth. With luck

another will take its place. Now, if this were an ordinary garden plant, you would be ask-ing yourself, "Why keep a bundle of scraggy stems for 51 weeks of the year in order to get flowers for the remaining one?" And you would be right. But this is such an extraordinary spectacle, reason goes out of the window.

From my neighbour I got a leaf cutting which, having rooted, is now growing strongly with nine fresh stem-leaves growing from it. The fronds are much the size and shape of our native hart's tongue fern. Epiphyllums need to be in a place where the winter temperature does not drop below 5C. Being epiphytes, they do not

it might well move to a bigger one in spring) and gets occasional liquid feeds during spring and summer. In winter it likes a dryish rest, though should not be

allowed to dry out completely. My neighbour propagates from side shoots. You need to leave these to dry off at the bottom for a day or two before you pot up the cutting in compost.

Gardeners, though, tend to look forward rather than back. The sight of "Soleil d'Or" narcissus buds already six inches high in the rough grass is very cheering. So are the great curtains of yellow jasmine catching in the postman's hair at the back door. He's new on the round and hasn't learned yet to make the slight bob and swerve to avoid it. "You could cut it back," said my husband when the jasmine took my hat off on a dark night. Now there's a radical thought with which to start off the New Year.

Going back to their roots

Houseplants feel homesick, too. By Paul Simons

dowsills are homesick from the air through the fine treatures craving for love hairs carpeting its leaves - in and attention. They are its native home in Tanzania houseplants, and the reason flowers shrivel, and stems of providing extra humidity: wither is because we don't understand their ecology, The key to growing many houseplants is to appreciate the life of their great grandparents in the wild, where they are often superbly adapted to

Centrally heated homes are most humid rooms. so dry that to most plants they feel like a desert. That's fine be warned that these plants light, so in our insipid winter sunshine they go into a sort of during which they should be left unwatered.

But for houseplants from damp tropical rainforests, the dry indoor air is a big headache. Begonias, fittonias, marantas and calatheas are they'll fry to death. among plants adapted to humid air, and the African understand plant behaviour.

hairs carpeting its leaves - in it's fed by mists rolling off the why their leaves turn brown. Indian Ocean. There are ways standing the pots on wet stone, putting saucers of water under the leaves, misting leaves, standing groups of plants together so they keep each other moist, or putting them in kitchens and bathrooms, which are usually the

Forest floor plants are also superbly adapted to scavengfor cacti and succulents, but ing for light in a dark environment, Begonias even have are also used to strong sun-miniature spectucles peppered across their leaves to help focus beams of light plant version of hibernation down inside, and the crimson undersides of their leaves act like the silver backing on mirrors, reflecting back any light into the leaf. So these plants appreciate being well away from sunny windowsills where

Sometimes you need to

♠itting on millions of win- violet actually drinks moisture. If your Indian rubber plant sheds its leaves it's often because it hasn't been watered, so the plant thinks it's the start of a full-blown Indian drought and time to drop its leaves to seal up any water leaks. But after a good watering it seems like the monsoon season has arrived, so the plant puts on a big spurt of growth.

In fact, watering houseplants can be a minefield- too much and you can give your little darlings ine plant equivalem of a heart attack; too litde and the; wilt. But one plant is impossible to overwater - the umbrella plant. A cousin of papyrus, used to growing in swamps and riverbanks. It is extremely happy standing in a jar of water with a bit of soil at the bottom.

If you've got a real knack for throttling houseplants, it's worth considering some realttough characters. The Kentia palm comes from the Lord Howe Islands in the South Pacific, where it's battered by sally winds and shrouded in ling every now and again.



deep shade from neighbouring trees. This makes it a masochistic houseplant, tolerating draughts, lack of water, overwatering and near derkness. Other plants can put up with intense sun, heat and dryness and even the inferno of a nearby radiator. the succulent crown of thorns from the arid lands of Madegasear and mother-in-law's tongue from the dry east of South Africa, for example. And the weird air-plants from the treetops of Central America are so tough they can be left dangling in mid-air without soil and only a light mist-

Your home is full of interesting ecological niches. For instance, don't be afraid of using cold, draughty windowsills at this time of year because to a flowering buth plant they feel like bliss - a reminder of the mountains of Turkey where most of them originally come from, and where they flower in the bitter cold of early spring. This is why cyclamens, hyacinths, miniature daffordils and snowdrops shrivel up in warm rooms: they think it's summer and time to die back into their bulbs or corms for the summer drought,

Sad to say, many of these

Some like it damp: begonias come from have an aversion to central heating

plants might be thriving indoors, but out in the wild their relatives are suffering a wretched life. Many tons of wild flowering bulbs are being dug up in Turkey for the European horticulture trade. and it's worth asking whether the bulbs you buy are picked from the wild or artificially propagated. Other plants are suffering from greedy plant collectors and the loss of their homes - some of those big cacti and cycads you see in office arriums were originally stripped out illegally from Mexico and Africa. Maybe one of the cruelest ironies is that the African violet is now one of the world's most popular houseplants, but in Tanzania it's only got one toehold left in the forests of the Usam-

> This article is based on a six-part television series. 'Potted Histories', on 8BC2, 9.50-10pm, starting 4 January, with an accompanying book (BBC, £9.99).



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on companion planting... A newspaper cutting was sent in by D T Holm of Colchester who thinks it came from the Essex County Standard in the early 1980s. The columnist is a commercial grower. Stanley Peck, who had been asked for advice on companion plant-ing. "Living plants," he writes "are affected by aromas, exudations from leaves and especially roots of other plants; and also by soil micro-organisms. Thus heathers transplanted in erica

nositively the last word

soil are assisted by living organisms which help them take, yet any frame lettuce plant infilled amongst growing crops never makes up." Suffolk growers, he points out, find that broad beans intercropped between potatoes produce heavily and if rows of earthed up potatoes are spaced widely enough,

brassicas do well between

the rows. Mr Peck also draws

on German research which

indicates that cabbage grown

dwarf beans and cabbage all live together bappily but fight, as do all brassicas and runner beans. The Dutch traditionally

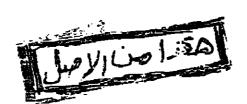
close to celery is less likely to

be affected by hostile micro-

organisms in the soil. Celery,

grow leeks and onions with carrots, but members of the allium family do not do well with broad beans, peas, or runner beans. Mr Peck himself grew sunflowers in his onion beds, not for the decorative effect, but because they will indicate when the onions need watering.

Underneath cloches, lettuce, peas and carrots grow together, but tomatoes and early potatoes, despite being members of the same family do not like being near each other. Nothing flourishes under walnuts or sycamore, but ground where brambles have been burnt or where nettles grew always produce good crops. Nettles contain iron and potash, brambles are rich in magnesium.



Have you got a licence for that leek?

You may have missed some of the year's best rural stories. Here we round them up, and add a red herring of our own. By William Hartston

veryday tales of countryfolk do | a spokesman for the dancers not always make it to the pages of the national press, so here is a round-up of some you may have missed. In the spirit of seasonal mendacity, we have also included one tale entirely of our own invention. See if you can shoot down the decoy in this game and win a prize. Details of how to enter the competition are given at the end of the news items.

Boycott and batter BA

Leeds University has become the first in the country to offer a BA degree course in Yorkshireness. The six-year, part-time course includes items related to whippets, cricket and Yorkshire puddings. According to the course head, Dr Tony Donajgrodzki, "It involves a lot of hard work [graft], dealing with the social, economic and cultural history of Yorkshire."

Weeds for soccer

A company on the Orkney island of Flotta is cultivating seaweed to sell to soccer teams. The test centre at Orkney Water has spent more than 20 years developing agricultural and horticultural uses for seaweed, but this is their first venture into football. The new product is an extract of brown kelp which is expected to act as a growth stimulant on pitches.

The joy of cubes

Some time before the recent dispute over genetically engineered tomatoes, Leo Wilson, a tomatogrowing gypsy from Scarborough, announced his own success at improving the traditional design without the use of genetics. After years of experimentation, he has developed a tomato with a square cross-section. "I grew a square tomato," he said, "because with six sides it is easier to slice."

Uncooperative bank

The Ferret Welfare Society has been refused a bank account on the grounds that ferrets may be used to hunt rabbits. A spokesman for the Co-op bank said that they will not support any organisation involved in blood sports. An official of the society. however, said it was "a completely barmy decision" because its main activity is in raising money to pay vets' bills and support abandoned animals.

Victory for goats

A court in Taunton issued an injunction against a group of morris dancers after a farmer claimed they were upsetting his goats. When the morrismen danced each Sunday lunchtime in the carpark of a local pub, the goats showed "clear signs of distress" according to the farmer. who also produced figures showing that their milk vield was significantly lower on the days following morris dancing. "It's a ridiculous decision,"

protested. "We have as much right to be there as the goats."

Birds strike back

A bird-scaring plan in a north Yorkshire village backfired badly. Villagers rigged up a loudspeaker to play a recording of a bird in distress in the belief that it would frighten other birds away. Instead they soon found themselves besieged by a screeching black cloud of hirds who had gathered to investigate the source of the noise. As the birds swooped down, councillors and tourists dived for cover. "It was straight out of Hitchcock's The Birds," said the parish clerk.

Render unto Caesar

A sheep has been knitted a sweater out of its own wool. Cecilie Telle, a fine art and tapestry student at the Royal College of Art, made the sweater, which has four leg holes and short sleeves, from freshly sheared, unbleached wool. "It's a simple matter of taking something from the sheep and then giving it back," she explained; "an interaction with

Canine cleanliness

An entrepreneurial couple, Greg Booth and Joanna Hibberd of Wheatfield, Oxfordshire, have imported an idea from Australia to offer a new service to Britain's dog owners. They have bought an old British Telecom van and installed a hydrobath in it to create Britain's first mobile dog bath business. The cost of having your dog washed is £7.50 a time and the company is called Dee-O-Gees. "We're sure we are on to a winner," they said.

Cambridge Council came up with an original solution to a problem caused by thin cattle. Its herd of Friesian cross cattle grazing on Midsummer Common, were creating difficulties by straying through the barriers that were supposed to keep them on the field. The council had tried narrowing the barriers, but ran into objections from townsfolk who were then unable to get their bicycles and prams through. The council resolved the problem by reverting to the original barriers and replacing all the cattle with fatter animals.

Like rabbits Sussex police were spared the effort

of responding to a burglar alarm, when the shop owner rang them to explain that it had been triggered by 'sexually over-active rabbits".

Fish catches man

A giant eel nearly caught a fisherman in Loch Long in Scotland. Cameron Bell, a diving instructor, went hunting in the Loch with three of his

students, hoping to catch a 6ft-long conger eel. The prey, however, lunged and caught him in a tangle of fishing line. Mr Bell was dragged by the ecl at high speed, 60ft under water. Ten hours later, he was found lying by a road near the loch. He had escaped from the eel by cutting the line with a knife, but does not recall coming back to the surface.

Weevil dating

A pub in St Albans is claiming to be Britain's oldest inn after the discovery of two weevils in an ancient malting oven. Found during an archaeological dig, the mites have been identified as Tarratostichus stussineri, which come from the Carpathians and eastern Alps. According to a spokesman for the local museum, they must have come over with the Romans, which tentatively dates the pub back to between 60 and 250AD.

A woman in Long Eaton, Notts, noticed an eagle owl sitting 80ft up on an electricity pylon near her home. Seeing the bird remain motionless for some time, she became concerned for its state of health and telephoned an animal rescue group. When a rescuer arrived some time later, the bird was still there, so he climbed the pylon to see if he could help it. He descended soon after, to report that it was a dummy, put on the wire by engineers to scare off starlings.

Dangerous vegetable

A man was charged with attempted robbery after allegedly brandishing a leek at an NCP car park office in Swansea. He was reported to have entered the office and threatened staff with what appeared to be a gun No money was handed over and a Carmarthen man with a leek in a Tesco bag was later taken into

Raging bull tamed

Police marksmen were called in to Ashford market, Kent. after a halfton bullock named Fred escaped by leaping a six-foot fence. He caused havoc, running half a mile across town, but was finally pacified not by police tranquillisers but by a more basic device brought in by the market manager: Daisy the cow. When the secret weapon was produced Fred became quite docile and was led back to safety.

> If you think you have spotted the fictional item in the above, simply write its headline on a postcard and send it, with your name and address to: Rural Cowpat, The Independent Weekend, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL. The first correct answer out of a hat will win a bottle of champagne.



Our fields turned brown as biscuits, and the sheer, sustained heat gave a sense of impending doom. Was the life to be burnt out of everything?

ow short is our meteorological memory! As I stoke up the wood-burning stoves, it seems inconceivable that for day after day in the summer I went for walks in nothing but swimming trunks and trainers, and still poured with

Did we really spend hours labo-riously watering flowers and vegetables to keep them alive? Were the grass fields really so burnt that they became as bleached as the stubbles? Did the beech trees really look as though they were about to throw up their branches and die?

Yes - all these things happened. The summer of '95 will go down in history as a scorcher, and even if many details have already faded, some will remain etched in my

In June the smell of hay hung over the fields so thick that you felt you could cut down chunks and eat them; but already there was a sense of menace in the air, for the sun was so hot, and the ground so dry, that it seemed impossible the shorn grass would ever shoot again. With growth at a standstill, the price of hay went mad, rising to three times its normal level as farmers began to stockpile. For weeks their alarm appeared justiried: there was no second growth



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of grass, no second cut of hay or silage. So short did fodder become that some people began feeding precious hay to cattle before July was out.

In our area we were lucky. Occasional thunderstorms kept pastures green for longer than elsewhere - and never will I forget the lightning bolt which shattered a tree in our steep churchyard. I described in an earlier column how I was out walking when the deluge began, and how I saw the strike go in. So huge was the stricken cedar that the cost of felling it, cutting it up and restoring the damage came to more than

In the end even our own fields

sense of impending doom. Was the life to be burnt out of everything?

In August a stay on the Cornish coast only increased my apprehension. The sea was so delicious that we swam before breakfast, lunch and supper, but the beaches were packed solid, and the atmosphere was so hot and thick that one could scarcely breathe. Later that month, as I passed through Birmingham airport on the way to Scotland, an electronic thermometer outside the terminal was hovering between 96 and 97F.

"In the end," we kept telling our-selves, "it must rain properly" - and in the end it did. Unfortunately we were not at home to witness the ensuing miracle, but everyone who saw it said that it was incredibly swift. One day the fields were brown: the next they had gone green again. Incredible secondary growth followed. Somehow plants and earth had stored up their energy through the barren months. and now they let it go in a late orgy. The trees did the same: having looked as though they were on the point of extinction, they surged back to life and held on to their

leaves far past the usual term. And so, after good autumn rains, over for a few winters yet.

turned brown as biscuits, and the we congratulated nature on its sheer, sustained heat created a amazing ability to restore a balance. A trip through Tipperary seemed to confirm our optimism. "A grand soft day, is it not!" exclaimed everyone we met, as mist swept over the sodden landscape, and the drifting tang of peat-smoke filled the sky with melancholy. There at least nothing

had changed. Back home, however, I read yet another official report which says that global warming is not myth but reality. Had the great heat of '95 been a harbinger of things to

The reason people hope for, and bet on, a white Christmas, is surely that, deep down, they long for a traditional end to the year. They hanker after the kind of crunching cold recorded by the Rev. Francis Kilvert, who described in his diary how, at midnight on New Year's Eve, 1871, he went outside and listened to church bells

ringing faintly "across the snow" The fact that we have had a dose of cold weather this time is certainly reassuring. Seasonal snow gives the feeling that our climate may not, after all. be changing drastically, and that Santa will have something for his runners to glide

We lay 5,000 yards of hedge each winter, thanks to all those bureaucrats

We start work at daybreak and carry on till dark, making the most of the light. Hedge-laving is a winter job you have to do it when the sap is down or you damage the trees. The season starts when the leaves come off - say October - and we keep going till they come out again in May. Now they're telling us we have to knock off by March because of nesting birds.

"Most days we're working by half-eight. We'll stop a couple of times - say for 15 minutes at 10.30 - for some bait [a snack] Then back to work, with another quick break - maybe 20 minutes - for dinner. With days so short you can't stop for longer. Of course, we have to sharpen the saws and billhooks, too - especially if there's a lot of stones in the ditches. Sometimes we can go on all day without bothering, it just depends on the edge.

We work as a team of two or three and hope to do 50 to 70 yards a day, lopping off the outside branches and half-cutting through the trunks - far enough to topple them over to lie in a three-foot wall - you always leave enough bark to let them grow on. mind! Then we go back, putting stakes in to hold the hedge steady



COUNTRY LIVES

Daniel Butler talks to Geoff Rhys, hedge layer in Radnorshire

and what we call "heatherings" -15-20 foot stakes which you interweave along the top to make sure the thing doesn't come up with the wind.

"I once worked in a factory and hated it. The money was good, but the boredom was terrible. I love this job because it's out in the fresh air and we're always on the

Wood is another perk. A lot of farms now have oil-fired heating and don't want it. By taking it away, we're doing them a favour. I self it as firewood locally. are a hedge's worst enemy."

I get £50 for a two-ton load. There's a downside of course

the weather. The season's so short you've got to put up with whatever it throws at you. Mindyou, we stop if it's really wet or if there's heavy snow around the ditches - for safety, really. If you slip over with a chainsaw your leg's gone and if your gloves get wet the billhook can slip and you've lost a foot.
"We charge £2-£2.50 a yard.

depending on how far gone the hedge is and the size of the job. Then there's the fencing on top: see, the main thing with a newlylaid hedge is it's got to be proteeted from stock with a fence on

both sides: that's another £1.70. 'There aren't that many of us doing it now around here - certainly not the younger guys like me. It's a dying art. I had two or three weeks' training at college. but to learn it properly you've just

got to do it. "Mind you, there's lots of work, thanks to the grants, Farmers are using these to the full, and we do 5,000 yards each winter thanks to all those bureaucrats in London and Brussels. But it's a pity the same people are paying the farmers to overstock - sheep

What to explore, where to celebrate,

A month-by-month travel calendar for the coming year. By Martin Scudamore

Climb...

... to 60.000ft for the 20th anniversary of the first commercial flight of Concorde on 21 January. You won't be able to replicate the maiden journev from Heathrow to Bahrain, but a return to New York is available at £4,633 through British Airways (0345-222111). If you can't afford the fare, it's only to to climb the steps to one of the prototype Concordes at the Imperial War Museum's branch at Duxford near Cambridge (01223 835000).

... aboard the vessels at the London Boat Show at Earls Court, which takes place from 5 to 14 January and boasts more than 650 exhibitors and 800 craft, as well as more marine equipment and accessories than you could shake a snorkel at. There will be waterskiing and windsurfing displays; you can try dinghy sailing (free for children), canoeing, rowing and steering radio-controlled models, sail-hoisting and simulations of powerboats. Ticket Hotline: 01733-890187. If you climb aboard a bus or tube to get there after 7 January, you may be dismayed to find London Transport fares increased by up to 10 per cent. A one-sta-

tion journey in the central area will cost £1.10. London Underground is planning to steal an idea from the Paris Métro and introduce carnets of 10 tickets (price £10), but problems with machinery mean this may not happen until spring.

... the Tour Eiffel or the Grande Arche de la Defense on a day-trip to Paris. From 8 January. the earliest Eurostar arrival at the Gare du Nord from London Waterloo is 10.23am. The same service stops at the new Ashford International station, and offers the most expensive rail journey in the world: a standard fare of £56.50 for the 37minute hop to Calais, costing well over £1 per mile.

towards the top of the map of Britain. Robert Burns should be the subject of many a New Year's toast in Scotland tomorrow night as 1996 is the 200th anniversary of the poet's death. The celebrations will be getting into gear for Burns Night on 29 January. His home ground around Ayr is now accessible from Essex on the Ryanair service (0171-435 7101) from Stansted to Prestwick.

Celebrate...

month of fasting by day. You could take a holiday as far east as Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim country. Take a train ride through Java, stopping to explore Yogjukarta (complete with Sultan's palace) and to climb the smoking volcano Mount Bromo just beyond Surabaya in the east. Get there with an entiring new ticket innovation: British Airways' Navigator fares, which give you maximum flexibility on round-the-world itineraries, both in terms of destinations and airlines, BA is selling these tickets only through specialist operators such as Trailfinders (0171-937 5400) and | ... around in Denmark, the home of Lego.

Bridge the World (0171-911 0900).

Copenhagen's reign as European Capital of Cul-

. the Chinese New Year. At midnight on 19 February, the boar relinquishes control of the heavens to a rat. Prominent "ratarians" include Shakespeare, Mozart and Marlon Brando. Virgin Holidays (01293 617181) organises short breaks to both Hong Kong and San Francisco: westbound, three days for

the fact that the Foreign Office says it's now safe to go to the Gambia. try learning the drums there. Drumbreaks Africa (01392 427504) organises drumming workshops for all levels in Brikama, Gambia.

£399: eastbound, £629 for five nights.

... the Leicester Comedy Festival from 9 to 18 February, The biggest variety of comedy events ever to take place under one umbrella: more than 70 events at 30 venues

street entertainment, children's events and stand-up. Performers include Felix Dexter. Jenny Eclair, festival patron Sean Hughes, Julian Clary and Little and Large. Premium rate festival hotline: 0891-100702.

... our Viking connections at the Jorvik Festival in York, 10-17 February. It's based on the original Vikings' Jolablot - the festive antidote to winter in the Northern lands. The Viking

Longships Regatta, the Working Crafts Gallery and the Warriors' Combat are mere appetisers for the Torchlit Procession, Boat Burning and Fireworks Finale. Most of these are free. Information Hotline: 01904 643212.

Play...

with the bricks at the new Legoland. opening this month in Windsor. This is one place where you shouldn't end up searching fruitlessly under the sofa for the missing piece to finish your model. There are millions of bricks on the 150acre site, along with theatres, rides and "playscapes", set in woods and parkland in sight of Windsor Castle. You can learn to drive a car or a boat, hunt for pirate treasure in the tree-tops or design a building that can withstand an earthquake. Oh, and if you can't find someone to look after the kids, just bring them along they it probably enjoy it as well. Information: 0990 626375.

Copenhagen's reign as European Capital of Culture gets into gear. Danish Tourist Board: 0171-259 5958.

... the tables at Vegas after watching the Bruno-Tyson fight, Airtours (01706-260000) is running charters from Manchester, Luton and Gatwick

in 10 days including dance. to Las Vegas for £319 return. To be sure of a ticket theatre, visual arts, cartooning. for the fight, call David Dryer Sports Tours (0181-

out without having to come home when it gets dark. Britain's biggest tourist attraction, Alton Towers, opens a wacky new hotel this month. Its most startling feature will be the giant "flying machine" - part hot-air balloon, part pirate ship and part lunar module, apparently designed in committee by Leonardo da Vinci, HG Wells and Heath Robinson - which greets guests as they enter the 37ft-high atrium. There's even a suite for chocoholics and another for fizzy-drinkoholics where you can gorge to grossness. Enquiries: 0990 204060.

. rugby at the International Seven-a-side Competition in Hong Kong (if selected; otherwise, you may have to be content to watch.) Numerous companies offer inclusive breaks in the Territory, such as Kuoni (0171-499 8636) and Cathay Pacific (0171-747 8888).

, the dumb tourist in two new ex-Soviet destinations served from this month by British Airways: (0345 222111) Kiev in Ukraine and Almaty in Kazakhstan.

Explore...

the legend of Dr Livingstone, I presume. All this month, and through to 7 July, London's National Portrait Gallery (0171-306 0055) is staging an exhibition entitled David Livingstone and the Victorian Encounter with Africa. The doctor's home in the Clyde Valley near Glasgow is open daily for exploration (01698 823140).

> Culloden for the 250th anniversary of the the last land battle on mainland Britain. From the anniversary on 16 April onwards, visitors to the National Trust for Scotland Visitor Centre at Culloden, near Inverness, can see an exhibition called The Swords and the Sorrows. For the first time since the battle in 1746, many of the items used will be returned to their original site of use. Pistols, swords and personal effects, as well as portraits of many of the characters in the last Jacobite rebellion will be on display at the Centre. Information: 01463 790607.

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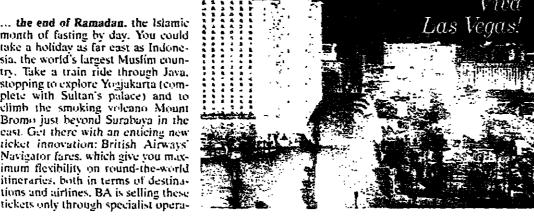
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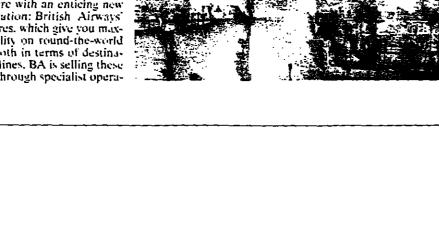
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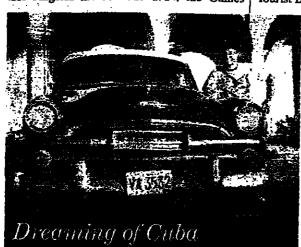
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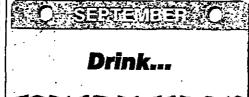
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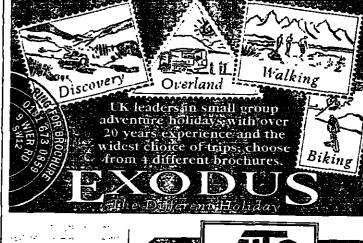


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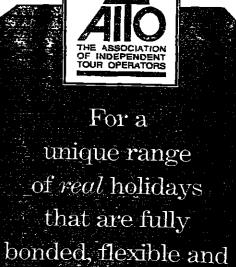




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Where the world begins and ends each day

Just east of New Zealand's tiny Chatham Islands is the invisible International Date Line. By Jeremy Hart

The Chatham Islands are specks of land so exposed they seem in danger of being blown away by the Roaring Forties. East of them is the area where the world begins and ends each day. Some of the balmy Tongan islands are closer to the invisible date line but, in summer, nowhere sees the new dawn earlier than the 750 humans and 250,000 sheep on the Chathams.

Few New Zealanders have heard of this rocky dependency 400 miles from Wellington. The islands don't even appear on many New Zealand maps and such treatment has fuelled an air of secessionism. A flag of independence has even been designed. It depicts a green island and a brilliant ris-ing sun on a blue background. The image is as optimistic as a Michael Fish weather forecast.

"Only one in five dawns have a sunrise," said John Sutherland, owner of the islands' only tourist lodge. "No one watches the weather forecasts on TV. They are always the same and usually

The sea is the lifeblood of the Chathams. In the Sixties, crayfish were discovered in their thousands off the rocky cliffs. The cray boom that followed made millionaires out of the fishermen, who now drive £70,000 American pick-up trucks, ride more Harley Davidsons and own the highest number of fax machines per head anywhere in the world.

The cray boom was over in a matter of years, but still Tokyo's fish market demands Chatham's crays and abalone. On the wharf at Waitangi, the island's only town, each boatload of crustaceans is worth up to £50,000. There isn't a poor fisherman on the island.

Yet it isn't just the seafood that put the Chathams on Japanese maps. On New Year's Eve 1989, Japanese television beamed live pictures of the first dawn of the 1990s from Manakau Point, one of the most easterly promontory's on the islands. John Sutherland helped co-ordinate the broadcast.

They flew in two cargo planes of equipment, paid the \$22,000 lodge bill from a brown paper bag of notes and drank 600 cans of Steinlager," he recalled. "But they had no idea what

they were doing.
"They had promised free tucker and booze out at the Point and seven hundred people turned up. That's almost all the islanders. Then it pissed down with rain. Luckily the Japanese team had recorded the sunrise from the day before to show people what the dawn here can look like."

In reality there is only one place to watch the dawn in the islands, on the minute jolt along rutted tracks to beach below Ken and Eva Lanauze's Kahuitara Point. Past Kahuitara, the homestead on Pitt Island, Chatham's next stop is Chile, 4,000 miles ahead tiny neighbour. The problem is getting and a day behind. across to Pitt.

recently rose by 13 per cent when Eva's daughter Bernie returned to her birthplace with her five children) are dependent on a five-seat Air Chathams Cessna to get on and off a waterlogged airstrip. Twice our flight to the gorsetufted islet was cancelled.

Getting anything on or off Pitt calls for a miracle. Last year's wool is still bundled 10ft high on Pitt's Flowerpot wharf. Five times the monthly ship to the mainland has been forced away by

"I was only born on the island because it was too rough to get me to some beautiful sunrises here and we're



The best place to see in the dawn is from Pitt Island, the only problem is getting there

the hospital on Chatham. That was from the front of her four-wheel motorbike, the only sensible transport across the peary landscape.

from Chatham on the plane, to keep wave of wealth. It will be the first place the bike roadworthy. Four of us clung to its muddy luggage rack for the 20-

We sat drinking coffee and eating The 55 islanders (the population scones in a windblown wooden house. A giant satellite dish was hidden between bushes behind it. Television and direct dial telephones came to the islands at the same time four years ago. "Great for the kids, but it's ruined the art of conversation," said Eva, pulling

more scones out of the oven. The sun beamed in through expansive double-glazed windows. The only view is to the east, over green, waterlogged fields and sandy cliffs to an electric-blue ocean.

Ken and Eva are proud of their place at the start of each new day. "We get

always aware that we are the first to see before the plane," shouted Bernie each new day. It's not something you

Thirty years on from the cray boom. sunrises over the Southern Ocean We had brought 20 litres of fuel over could bring the Chathams a second to see the dawn of the new Millennium.

On the rocks below the Lanauze homestead, Pitt islanders, television crews and a handful of tourists (reputedly willing to pay up to £75,000) will witness the first dawn of the 21st Century. Pitt sees the dawn a minute before Chatham and over an hour before Gisborne, the most easterly

town in New Zealand. Gisborne is already booked up for the Millennium celebrations, but the islanders take great delight in mocking the mainlanders' plans. "Last New Year's Day, just as the sun came up here, I called the radio station in Gisborne and asked them if it was light yet," joked John Sutherland. "Of

course it wasn't" Brad Roberts, a London entrepreneur, claims to have signed rights to the three most easterly points on Pitt and

of the three landowners will admit to everything from pig hunting to the signing with his First Light organisa-

"We've given them permission to do

a trial run here before the Millennium, and if we are happy we will look at their plan," said a cautious Eva. "We want to make sure the plan will benefit the whole island." The excitement of massive, tented

villages and CNN broadcasting from Pitt could all be scuppered by the fickle Roaring Forties climate. "They could spend a lot of money getting here and not even see a sunrise. Knowing Pitt, it will probably be foggy." laughed Eva. Getting out to Pitt. and back, was an

in a plane that lets in the rain through the windscreen surround, is not for the nervous of disposition. After Pitt, Chatham Island felt like a thriving metropolis. Chatham doesn't

achievement. Ocean flying, especially

have much - occasional tarred roads. a pub, a solitary bank, one policeman and a general store - but that's probably more than Pitt will ever have.

Things were quiet at the pub in Wai-Chatham Islands, but on islands where tangi for a Friday night. There are 60 remarked.

How to get there

The Chatham Islands are best approached via New Zealand. Australian Flight Centre (0500 727747) has a fare of £775 (including tax) to Auckland on British Airways/Qantas in March, if you book by close of business tomorrow. not, plenty more cut-price fares are available from discount agents to Auckland and Christchurch. The only flights to the Chatham Islands are twice weekly on Air New Zealand from Christchurch, and cost around £140.

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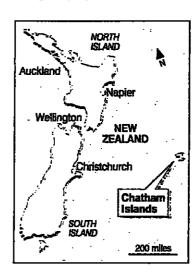
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suspicion is part of their psyche, none committees on the Chathams, covering annual New Year's horse races. They siphon off a huge number of the islanders each night. As does Chatham Island Television.

From five to 11. everything from The Bill to Knight Rider is played on tapes flown in (God-willing) weekly. The only live programme is the six o'clock news from Auckland, shown at 6.45pm. The Chathams sit in their own 45

minute time zone. For five dollars, whilst the rest of New Zealand watches shampoo and dog biscuit commercials, islanders can type their own advertisements and messages on Chatham Islands TV. One made me glad I had eaten at the lodge, and not the pub. "There are no bar meals tonight. The cook has food

poisoning. John Sutherland chortled as he cleared away our plates and wandered over to turn off the television. As he reach for the knob, the weather flashed up on the screen. Uncharacteristically. it made him pause, then laugh out loud. "Tomorrow it will be flat-arse calm," he

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This has been the best year yet for people prepared to take a chance on finding a last-minute holiday bargain. and one of the worst for the mass-market travel industry. One in three of package holidays from the UK were booked late and at a discount.

Since the disastrous (for them) and delightful (for us) month of August, when tour operators were almost paving people to take peak-season holidays, there have been warnings from the trade about a cut in capacity, to teach us consumers a lesson. With fewer holidays on sale, the theory goes, prices will rise and there will be no need for large-scale discounting. Ninety-nine pound holidays which many of us enjoyed, were to become as extinct as Intasun.

Yet as the big holiday sell has gained momentum this week, what should pop up on Wednesday but a wide selection of £99 holidays courtesy of Airtours. Charles Newbold, managing director of Britain's biggest tour operator, counters with the promise of "Thomson holidays at last-minute prices without waiting until the last minute." Travel agents are going into a frenzy of discounting to match the sale fever elsewhere in the High Street. To me, your summer holiday does not look much like a commodity in short supply.

The travel industry is clinging to the hope that every operator will reduce capacity as promised, which should cut the number of package holidays by a million. Yet even in the unlikely event that the industry sticks to its guns, this does not mean that a million people will suddenly discover in August that there is nowhere to go.

Package tour operators may have been too busy dreaming up marketing schemes to notice that a fares war of stupendous proportions is about to break out on the Channel. After the Tunnel doubled capacity on the shortsea routes, the ferry companies have done the exact opposite of what any rational observer would expect: they have increased capacity still further. If there are not enough air holidays to go around, then the surface operators can be relied upon to come up with alternatives - and, no doubt, those of us who decide late will get discounts.

So how can we be persuaded to book early? Britain's biggest travel agency chain. Lunn Poly, believes it has an answer (funded, like most agency discounts, by overpriced insurance). You book your holiday in January and take it in August, but don't have to pay until the following year. I am all in favour of marketing innovations that benefit the consumer, but I fear Lunn Poly could be biting off quite a lot with this new trick. For a start, its sales potential could rebound in a year's time. Just as all the advertising to persuade you to book a new holiday starts, the bill comes in from the previous one.

Worse still, our files are full of holiday atrocity stories, where things have not turned out as sunnily as the brochure promised. The theme common to most grumbles is, "I want my money back." If no money has changed hands, the dissatisfied customer can see an obvious remedy. Judging by the vitriol of some complainants, I would not want to be the one asking for cash.

Yet for all the doom-laden prophecies, Britain's travel industry looks in fair shape to continue to provide the best-value holidays of any country in the world. Happy new horizons.

The chalet-hotel is in a grey area. Is it an overgrown chalet or a hotel with a chummy atmosphere?

We all know what constitutes a hotel, and most of us know what constitutes a categoric should be constitutes a catered chalet. But the chalet-hotel is increasingly a grey area; it can be an overgrown chalet, or it can be more of a hotel with a chummy, house-party atmosphere. On the one hand, this leads to a wider choice of styles of holiday. On the other, it means you need to be careful to pick

the one that is right for you. The basics are clear enough. A chalet-hotel (or a club chalet, or a jumbo chalet) is a building that is big enough to be a hotel, run by a British tour operator along traditional catered chalet lines, with British staff. Because in many cases the building has indeed been run as a hotel in the past, you get some benefits not normally associated with chalets - in particular, bedrooms of a decent size, with en suite bathrooms. Because it's big, the inmates eat than in the traditional refectory style – place still operates as a hotel, so if though who you get to chat to is still normally pot luck. There is often a bar, which may or may get be contained by the still operates as a hotel, so if you're lucky you'll find not all the guests are British. which may or may not be open to nonresidents: indeed, some of Mark another non-standard chalet-hotel -Warner's chalet-hotels in Verbier and Val d'Isère, especially, are major hubs

A year or two back, I might have risked a further generalisation: that is the Cristallo, in Courmayeur, offered

By Chris Gill

chalet-botels were neither stylish nor luxurious, being based on rather cheerless old hotels that were in need of investment to prolong their active life. Not so now.

My recent review of the best chalets in the key resorts of Méribel, Cour-chevel and Val d'Isère included one -FlexiSki's 20-bed Lodge Nogentil that retains all the style and warmth of the charming little French-run hotel that until this season it was. This place departs more than most from chalet norms. The bedrooms are excellent, while sitting space downstairs is at a premium. Dinner is served when you want it (within certain limits); wine is not included in the price, but there is a at a number of separate tables, rather range of reasonably priced bottles. The

> again, still formally registered as a hotel – but one that is a lot bigger (more than 70 beds), and a lot cheaper (less than £500 except in half-term week). It

as a British-run chalet-hotel for the first time this winter by Bladon Lines.

The Cristallo is a three-star hotel. renovated with great style only a couple of years ago. Heavily carved wooden doors lead to mostly spacious bedrooms, well equipped with glossy bath-rooms in classic Italian style. The first-floor sitting room (with bar) is atmospheric and welcoming. And the position is pretty well unbeatable. It is just off the pedestrianised Via Roma at the captivating heart of Courmayeur, close to some of the very best bars, and a tolerable stroll from the cable-car that is the start and finish of the skiing day in this emphatically not purpose-built

I left the enveloping charm of Cour-mayeur and the Cristallo for the brutality of Tignes. Happily, the chalethotel where I was accommodated there is traditional in style: Ski Olympic's brand-new 42-bed chalet Rosset has the pitched roof that French resort architects have been forced to revert to, and a bright, pleasant interior. Having been built as a chalet rather than a hotel, the Rosset does not have notably spacious bedrooms. Ski Olympic describes them as "small to medium in size"; my colleague and I were grateful to collapse in a small one, but on holiday I'd go to some lengths to bag a medium one.

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There are plenty of literary pretensions in "this lovely, ugly town" - Kingsley Amis cut his teeth here. And if, as he did, you like the odd drink, you've come to the right place

It's not the "City By The Bay" that Tony Bennett crooned about. And unlike San Francisco, it has no tramcars (the last one meandered to Mumbles more than 30 years ago). Swansea does not present its best face to the traveller. Entering by road or rail, you are confronted by evidence of its industrial origins. Still, at least the presence of an oil terminal on the city boundary means that four star is competitively priced.

Much of the city centre resembles a post-war architectural desert, the concrete buildings thrown up after intensive levelling by the Luftwaffe. So why go to Swansea?

Sadly, it can't be for a paddle. The beautiful beaches of the nearby Gower peninsula are pleasant enough, but there was a spate of viruses at Oxwich Bay a couple of summers ago, allegedly caused by entering the water here.

Best perhaps to dip into a good book. This year. Swansea has been revelling in its role as 1995 UK City of Literature and Writing. The languid figure of Dylan Thomas casts a somewhat alcoholic shadow over the city. Thomas was raised here. and later made his home in the small seaside town of Laugharne, 30 miles away. "This lovely, ugly town," he called Swansea, but the Festival organisers chose to accentuate the positive. Indeed, they managed to entice former US President Jimmy Carter to be honorary president of the celebrations on the back of his admiration for Thomas.

In the glossy Festival brochure. two other Swansea literary figures were conspicuous by their absence. One, the late Kingsley Amis, was a former university lecturer in the city and was well known for his curmudgeonly reputation. He even



accused Thomas of being outstandingly unpleasant and peeing on

his friends' carpets, heaven help us. But the most glaring omission was that of John Toshack, football idol and the Third Man of Swansea literature. The title of his slim volume of poetry, Gosh It's Tosh, whets one's appetite. It was written while he was leading the Liverpool attack. Toshack later created sporting history when, as player-manager, he took Swansea City to the old First Division for the only time in their existence.

Overcoming a cruel accident of birth (he first saw the light of day in Cardiff), Toshack quickly became a folk hero in Swansea and now lives locally. Despite this, his poetry did not feature anywhere in the city's celebrations. A cruel oversight, but let's compensate with a quick quote: We're coming in to land at Speke,

My legs are feeling very weak, We've just returned from Barcelona. And now I'm going for a sauna.

(From 'Return From Spain', Duck-

worths, 1978). But back to the question - why go to Swansea? Have I mentioned the best market in the British Isles. where you can buy seaweed to fry with bacon for breakfast; fresh cockles from Penclawdd, and melt-inyour-mouth cakes? Or the pub-crawling potential offered by the hostelries lining the sweep of the bay between the city and nearby Mumbles?

Did I tell you about the St Helen's Ground, where you can watch crick-cters toil as the oil tankers negotiate the sandbanks of Swansea Bay? Glamorgan's Malcolm Nash was once bludgeoned for six sixes in an over here by Gary Sobers. "Think I'll write a book about this." mused the bowler. "Anyone know what to call it?" The most sympathetic suggestion was Gone With The Wind.

That's the sort of literary pretension they have in Swansea. Who needs Kingsley Amis and his sort?

'Everyone you meet is a bar-room historian'

Quotes of the year from our travel correspondents

The sky and the sea had merged into an ugly grey damp which the wind, direct from Greenland, was washing across the promenade." - Jim White in Blackpool, 28 January

"At the city's heart is a cathedral that knows few equals in Europe, with a spire of such flaky delicacy it seems the work of the confectioner's rather than the mason's art." - Tim Salmon in Strasbourg, 11 February

"Washing facilities for perspiring hikers comprise a bowl of hot water carried from the kitchen through a field of friendly sheep" - Teresa Allan at Bluck Sail Hut youth hostel, 18

"Captain (one), disc jockey (one), gentlemen escorts (eight)" – the staff list on the Queen Elizabeth 2, 11 March

"Suddenly, the texture of the snow changed; it became lumpy and relatively heavy, leading one of our number to take an awkward but fortunately survivable fall. We had skied into an avalanche." - Chris Gill in the Silvretta ski area on the Swiss-Austrian border, 25 March

"The glittering soft sand went on as far as the eye could see. Bit by bit the kookahurras began their rude cawcaws. Then from nowhere a boy on horseback appeared, crashing through the waves, arms thrown back in glee." - Esther Oxford in the Gambia, 25 Murch

"They seem to like Hulme - some of them say it reminds them of East Berlin before the Wall came down" - Robin Pike, proprietor of the Mr Beds hostel in Manchester, on why Germans are his biggest customers, 1 April (but not an April Fool)

"The pick-up point was Huddersfield station on Christmas Eve morning, 1986. A man with a clipboard pointed to three buses and shouted 'First coach goes to Moscow, t'second goes to Leningrad, t'third to Bingley market." - Alex Shorrocks reminiscing about the late, great Yorkshire Tours, 15 April

"There are plenty of fluffy puppies gambolling around - which the Bataks eat. Horses too, in fact anything going. They used to eat each other." - Harries O'Brien in Samosir, Indonesia, 3 June

"Frinton has a feel of the Fifties about it. There are plenty of ladies in cardigans and old gentlemen in ties. It looks like the kind of place John Major had in mind when he spoke of spinsters on bicycles and cricket on the village green." - Anne Spackman, 17 June

"Down at the village hall, people staked their territory around the floor by lining up their whisky bottles next to their chairs. Then they hit the dance floor."-Marion Hume in Scotland, 26 August

23 September

"This is our guest house. We use it for storing our enemies' heads" he said, smiling. We smiled back." - Charlie English in Sarawak,

"History is something you learn by the ton on the 250mile journey along the borderlands of Northern Ireland; here, everyone you meet is something of a bar-

room expert in history and folklore." - Ionahan Glance),

"Outside the terminal, the air has a distinctive loamish smell of cowdung fires, cheap beedi cigarettes and earth that's been ploughed for a millennium. Hundreds of sleeping bodies lie on the pavement; they are labourers waiting for the next morning's flight to the Gulf but their presence gives an impression that the airport is the highwater mark of some catastrophe."

- Tim McGirk, Delhi, 4 November

"New York City is heading back to its waterways. The restless city, erected mostly on islands has nowhere to move so it reclaims riverfront and wetland, rebuilds rotting docks and piers."
- Reggie Nadelson, 18 November

The problem with France these days is less the French than the British. We're everywhere, and boy are we ugly."

- Serena Mackesy, Calais, 25 November

"Back in the bar, the faces on a huddle of Norwegians reveal the grim desperation of drinkers who realise they will shortly be back in the land of the £5 pint." – Simon Calder aboard the Color Viking, 23 December

Top: Queen Elizabeth 2, home to eight gentlemen escorts. Left: Batak carvings

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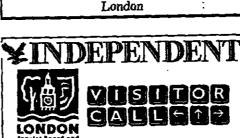
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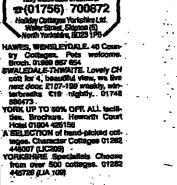
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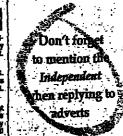
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What will happen to your house in 1996?

Property prospects for the new year are mixed. Anne Spackman assesses the possibilities for three sectors of the market



The young renter. Edward Longe, a 27-year-old banker, moved from one rented London flat to another, larger one last September. Until the housing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell apartmen wouldn't think about buying...The fees are around 5 per cent. You've got to be sure ket for people like him: wealthy singles who are buying a been growing 1995; buyers are increasingly unable to find the increasing that back when you resell.'

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andidates in the annual game have this year produced such similar results that they might be accused of conferring. House prices in 1996 will rise by two per cent, is the experts' view. So the one thing most owneroccupiers can be sure of is that the value of their house will not rise by two per cent next year.

This is not cynicism - though given the accuracy of previous predictions, that might be justified. It is simply the realisation that a national prediction has become meaningless. If price rises average out at two per cent, most people are likely to see no rise or a bigger rise depending on the kind of house they own. Two per cent is, in any case, such a tiny increase (£1,200 on a £60,000 house) that it falls well within normal negotiating margins.

For most in the property world, 1995 was a year of great been heavily influenced by fordisappointment. The Halifax eign buyers it has had no impact ers decide to become buyers? Building Society believes the on the rest of the country. housing market went into a sec- Instead, those places which are the Joseph Rowntree Foundation either have to rent them out or ond recessionary dip from which it is now emerging. Prices in the mainstream market fell by nearly two per cent and the number of house sales fell to 1.15m - compared with 1.3m in 1994 and 2.1m in 1988. The effect has been to strengthen the notion that there may be good years and bad years, but the general trend is one of stable prices and low volumes.

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The property market now shows signs of dividing into three broad sectors: at the bottom are

the former council houses, small extending their mortgage or buyhouse price guessing terraces and starter homes - hotbeds of negative equity, which remain almost impossible to sell; next comes the mainstream market epitomised by the three-bedroom semi where prices are flat and sales sluggish; finally there is the quality market for good homes in good locations, where demand outstrips supply.

If those homes are in London,

or the places London workers like to live, they are already likely to have seen prices recover by between 10 and 30 per cent since 1992. As the capital has grown into one of the major financial cities of the world demand for property - and prices - has grown with it. London increasingly operates separately from the rest of the UK housing market, and the market is expected to remain broadly flat for the next 18 months.

As London's recovery has nications. So mainline Cambridge is doing well at the expense of branchline Norwich. while the Bristol/Bath axis outperforms much of the south west. As a recent survey for the Nationwide Building Society pointed out, fear and uncertainty

in the housing market is primar-

ing their first home because they were afraid of unemployment. Now many estate agents and

analysts believe the public has grown accustomed to job insecurity. They understand that this is as secure as it gets, according to Gary Marsh of the Halifax Building Society. He believes that if people need to move. they might as well do it. "The only other choice is to live in the central London rentals will ripsame house for ever."

Despite rent rises of up to 10 per cent in 1995 the lettings market has continued to grow. In the cities, where renting now ac-counts for between 20 and 30 per cent of estate agency business, it has been the tenure of choice for thousands of young workers in their twenties and thirties. Everyone believes that practice will continue. But could 1996 be the ladder. As a result, those small year those first generation rent-

performing best are other cities believe the shift from owning to stick it out, as they face their sevwith strong financial sectors, such renting has reached a plateau enth year of negative equity. as Leeds and Edinburgh, plus among young people. Wink-those areas with good commu-worth, the London chain active The single owner in this market, believes the same. "Six years ago, when the property market collapsed, these buyers were in their early to mid-twenties; now they're approaching collect money from people simthirty," says Simon Agace, Winkworth's chairman. "As new priorities develop - for example marriage and children - home to you? Amazing." The same ily linked to jobs. People put off ownership is likely to be per-might be said of some loft devel-

ceived as a desirable and even necessary status. Even if diluted over a three of four year period, this group of waiting buyers still represents a concentration of demand that will almost certainly push up the value of twobedroom flats and houses in

good areas of London."

Willie Gething of the buying agency Property Vision disagrees. He thinks the boom in ple out through the capital. "Corporations are not going to give their employees licence to buy," he says. "Nor will they pay huge rents. Instead, they will say the banker who lives in south Brooklvn can live in Clapham, rather than Kensington, when he transfers to London."

Common to all is the belief that when they do buy a home. these late starters will leap-frog the lowest rungs of the housing flats which have lost up to 30 per cent in value, will see no im-Many say yes. Researchers for provement. Their owners will

There was a Monty Python sketch in which John Cleese played a businessman who marvelled at the way charities could ply by shaking a tin in the street. "What, you mean you just ask them for money and they give it opers. "What, you mean you buy up a derelict old building, clean it up and put in a bit of wiring and people pay a premium for having to put the walls and fittings in themselves?" In property terms 1995 was the year of the loft. Anyone who invested in glass bricks or timber flooring must be

laughing all the way to the bank.
With people having children
much later, and high levels of family break-up, the singles market is growing, particularly in cities. A niche market has evolved for child-tree, fairly wealthy adults, who are buying a lifestyle rather than a certain number of bedrooms. The London chain Foxtons sold two flats a rise in pre-tax profits of 31 per near Clapham Common for premium prices in 1995, "Both properties were good examples of stylish well presented accommod- ation which the imaginative buyer is showing an increasing interest in," said Peter Rollings. As the number of small

The family

"On no, not another cash buyer," was the estate agent's lament when a couple arrived at his office in Winchester, Hampshire. Like most prosperous parts of the country. Hampshire has been bedevilled by a lack of period houses for the many families keen and able to buy. In that particular niche it is a seller's market. In November Strutt & Parker's Exeter office sold five

out of six properties for more

than the guide price. Demand for family houses in the most popular villages and suburbs has carried on growing throughout 1995. Families are having to pay a premium for well laid-out accommodation, green space and good schools. If they cannot find a period house to suit they are increasingly turning to the new-build sector. The Nationwide index for newly-built properties in the third quarter was up 7.9 per cent on 1994 while the general index was down 0.8 per cent.

Quality is the key. Berkeley Homes, which targets the top of the new build market, reported cent this year. Savills stresses how the quality sector has outperformed the mainstream. "Prime country houses have benefited from high growth concentrated at the top end of the housing ladder amongst equity-reliant buyers without mortgages. But they households grows, this niche is have also been held back due to expected to expand further in a lack of trading up activity from the lower reaches of the provincial market," it reports.

That mainstream provincial market has been disappointingly sluggish in 1995. Owners of houses which have no outstanding features find they can only compete with the dozens of others on offer by reducing their price. The worst problems are on estates built in the Sixties and Seventies, where the design and build quality are poor. It is a buyer's market, but there are very

Leominster, Herfordshire



umber Court, along with a church, a former rec-tory and one other house, makes up the hamlet of Humber about five miles east of Leominster. The Grade II listed 17th-century house has

a particularly attractive facade, with decorative stone mullions around the windows and front door. Inside it features stone flagged floors, with onen fireplaces downstairs in the three reception rooms and kitchen-breakfast room, and five bedrooms and two bathrooms upstairs. Outside there are two paddocks and an ornamental pool in the two and a half acres of garden. Knight Frank & Rutlev in Hereford (01432 273087) is asking £250,000.

For What It's Worth

state agents are longing to hear the bells ring in the "new year, partly because they believe 1996 cannot possibly be as had as 1995 and partly because for five successive years January has seen a flurry of activity. It seems the Christmas holidays are one of the few times families can sit down together and take hig decisions about their lives. Those who decide to move house tend to get on with it straight away, rather than waiting for the traditional spring season.

The same applies to those who decide to divorce. Christmas is sadly the season of family breakdown, leading to an annual wave of houses on the market in January.

If you plan to be a new year seller, there is one overwhelming message from estate agents. As A J Riddle of Eadon, Lockwood and Riddle in Sheffield puts it in the latest monthly report from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors: "When the price is right, the phone rings with enquiries and offers. When it isn't, it doesn't. It is almost as simple as that, and vendors who accept this maxim are the

Who's Moving

he spring launch of the London branch of The Fashion Café, the burgers and supermodel eaterie, is being masterminded from a house in Mayfair. Francesco Buti, the Vice-President of The Fashion Cafe, has rented a house in Culross Street. where prices average £2,500 a week, through Aylesford,

The best and worst of last year's cars





Best small buy: Ford Fiesta



Worst small buy: Vauxhali Corsa



Best luxury buy: Jaguar XJ6



Worst luxury buy: Honda Legend





Worst sports buy: MG RV8

The past 12 months did not see the reinvention of the car, when many say that's what was really needed. Rather, 1995 saw car makers take risks. The upshot is that, in most classes, the stakes were raised - in some cases decisively Seven cars in this year's Top 10 are newcomers for 1995.

Small cars

Best Buy: Ford Fiesta (£7,595-

£10,630) What a difference a year makes! Once Europe's technical duffer. Ford experienced a revolution in 1995. Most extraordinarily, it transformed the Fiesta from class

dunce into school genius. The new Fiesta, in its best 1.25litre guise, has a brilliant Yamahadeveloped engine, rides and handles with aplomb, and has one of the most imaginatively designed dashboards ever seen. OK, it's nose is ugh (looking like a carp with mouth agape), and it's cramped in the back. But it com-pensates with excellent build quality. People trading up from the old model just won't believe the difWorst buy: Vauxhall Corsa (£7,195-Supermodel looks married to

dinosaur technology. The ride is almost billy cart-like, and the handling is well behind the game.

Small/medium cars Best buy: Fiat Bravo/Brava (£9,608-

£13,2981 Fiat's new Escort/Golf rival, replacing the good but dowdy Tipo: Bravo's the three-door, Brava's the five-door. The former is more the sporty sophisticate, the latter a family car with flair. In both cases, you get fresh looks (inside and out), lots of room, good build quality, and enough driving brio to make once-dreary journeys enjoyable. The new Fiat has just gone on sale in Britain. Of the models available, I'd plump for

little motor with surprising verve. Worst buy: Daewoo Nexia (£8,445-

the basic 1.4, a frugal sweet revving

£10,245) Despite the clever ads and the unusual dealer network (there Another newcomer, the A4 narisn't one). Daewoos are just oldschool Vauxhalls in drag. The

Nexia is a rebodied Astra, a car that wasn't that good when Vauxhall sold it. It's no better now.

Medium cars Best buy: Peugeot 406 (prices not

a Mondeo or Vectra.

yet announced) On sale in February in Britain, Not a big step-ahead, the 406 is nonetheless a handsome, roomy, supple-riding, superior alternative to

Worst buy: Volvo 400. (£11,150-

£16,650) An ageing, ordinary little car made pretentious by Volvo's marketing men. Cramped, not particularly well made, and technically old hat, the 400 is about to be supplemented in the class by a new Volvo, the S4. The expectation (and hope) is that it will soon be supplanted by it.

Executive compact

Best buy: Audi A4 (£15.732-£24.034) rowly pips the old favourite, BMW 3-series, by dint of its better build

quality, sculptural looks, more tasteful cabin, and more benign road manners. The Turbo model is particularly tasty, while the quattro V6 is probably the best fourwheel-drive road car in the world.

Worst buy: BMW 3-series Compact (£13,650-£15,650). BMW's crass attempt to go down-

market. The recipe: take the fine 3-series, fit old-fashioned rear suspension which ruins handling fluency, fit a tackier looking cabin, and graft on a hatchback rear end. It looks funny, and drives unsatisfactorily. But, of course, a a good secondhand buy, but until cheap BMW was always going to then, avoid it. sell to those who value labels more than substance.

Executive large

Best buy: Mercedes E-class (£23,500-£34,200) This is not so much "engineering seen with fresh cycs" (the ad blurh) as an ugly snout, with four funny little headlamps, grafted on

to a great car. There's nothing new

about the engineering philosophy

either: it's typically thorough Mer-

range, is surprisingly eager. Worst buy: Nissan QX (£16,795-£25,540) A competent but totally uninspiring attempt by the Japanese to take on Europe's best. Vast depreciation will ensure that this will be

model, while not the best in the

Luxury

Best buy: Jaguar XJ6 (£29.450-£46,950)

Not quite as well made as a Mercedes, not as quiet as a Lexus, not as much fun as a BMW. But for luxury nothing beats a Jaguar. Lovely cubin, classical styling, supple ride. It's the Edwardian drawing room, versus the hi-tech office approach of the Germans and Japanese. And under Ford, cedes-Benz, which means it is the Jaguars just keep getting better.

best in the world. Beautifully Worst buy: Honda Legend made, roomy, comfortable, unerr-(£31.655) ingly stable and reassuring on the Lovely V6 engine, but no other road. It's expensive, of course: saving grace. Horrendous depregood things usually are. If you can ciation, unlike smaller Hondas. just stretch to an E-class, have no fear: the basic 2.0-litre E200

Estates/MPVs

Best buy: Mercedes E-class Estate (£25.200-£39.200) The new E-class isn't available in

estate guise yet. Never mind: the old model is still the world's best estate. It's roomy, versatile, beautifully made and detailed, and remains one of Britain's lowest depreciating cars.

Worst buy: Nissan Serena MPV (£13,895-£16,240) Looks like a van, drives like a van, Miles behind the new-wave European MPVs.

Coupés

Best buy: Fiat Coupé (£17,589-

A Vivienne Westwood dress on wheels, the Fiat Coupe is an amazing amalgam of scoops, slats and slashes which, to most eyes, works brilliantly. It is also fun to drive. few around.

Worst buy: Aston Martin Vantage (£177.600) Last of the old school Astons. Blisteringly fast, indulgently thirsty,

absurdly expensive. More like a high-speed truck than a sports car. Eccentric and without any real role - rather like Prince Charles, who likes them.

Sports cars

Best buy: MGF (£15,995-£17,995) After a host of boringly competent but technically uninspiring Hondabased Rovers, Britain's own car maker took a big dose of bravery pills and unveiled a brand new MG this year. It could have given us a tame, rebodied version of one of its hatchback models; instead it went for a pukka, rear-drive sports car dotted with new-wave mechanicals. It's the most impressive thing Rover has done in years,

Worst buy: MG RV8 (£25,440) Last of the old school MGs. Drive one, and you can see why Rover was so keen to change direction with the new model. Just gone out of production, but there are still a

How to be

By Clifford German

ome £7 billion worth of cash from maturing Tessas will flood out into the economy, boosting retail sales by up to 20 per cent in the first quarter of 1996, transforming the economic and perhaps the political outlook. So says IFA Promotion, the umbrella organisation for Independent Financial Advisers, who presumably have their fingers on the pulses of their clients. Their calculations are based on the fact that two

Their calculations are based on the fact that two thirds of all Tessa accounts were started in the first three months following their introduction in 1991 and will be eligible to take their capital and accumulated interest tax-free when they start to mature in 1996. According to IFA Promotion £18.8 billion of capital and £5.2 billion will be up for grabs.

The interest cannot be rolled over and much of it

may well be spent. But the 2 million Tessa account holders are not the only ones who expect to be better off in 1996. Most of us who manage to stay in work should be, thanks to the Chancellor, But if you are wise you will not go out and spend it all at once, because the New Year will also bring unprecedented demands on your finances. More than ever it will pay

Property is worth looking at for the first time in I seven years. No-one is predicting a runaway rise in prices, but residential property is now cheap on most historical assumptions. Prices, relative to income, and mortgage rates are both at their low-one hands for all years. est levels for 30 years.

Even if you are staying put, review your mortgage closely. Variable mortgage rates are still falling and Bank of Scotland Mortgages Direct has loans at 6.99 per cent for up to 85 per cent of the property's valuation. Northern Rock offers a 1.1 per cent loyalty



discount off its standard variable rate for mortgages over seven years old. At current rates you pay 6.44 per cent. Most lenders are still offering special deals to tempt first-time buyers and existing borrowers who move over and remortgage their existing properties with a new lender. Northern Rock is offering a 6 per cent discount on its standard rate for a year, the Greenwich is offering 3.5 per cent off its standard rate for two years or 2.5 per cent off for three years. Hinckley Building Society offers a 0.5 per cent fixed

rate until January 1997, First Mortgage Securities is offering 4.2 per cent fixed until 1998, and Yorkshire Building Society 6.25 per cent fixed until the year 2001.

Choose a fixed rate mortgage if you think rates

are likely to go up, and a discount rate if you think they will be steady or fall. In doing your calculations don't forget to take account of any redemption fees your existing lender may charge, the costs of making a switch which can include a reservation fee for the new mortgage, a survey fee, a search fee and a solicitor's fee for the legal work, and last but not least the penalty fees if you sign up and opt out early. Most special offers now lock you in for five years, so a switch has to be a one-off move.

Oheck your insurances, and that nowadays includes . Un mortgage protection plan in case you can no longer earn the wherewithal to service your mortgage. Most mortgage protection plans will only pay you for around 12 months, but they will give you vital time to find another job, or failing that a buyer for the property who will pay you a proper price because you are not absolutely desperate to sell.

Household and motor insurance should be easier to find, thanks mainly to lower claims, helped by the milder winters and by the continued undercutting of premium rates by the direct sales organisations. Drop in at your local insurance broker or call some of the direct line insurers, and if you haven't joined a neighbourhood watch scheme, do so now. It might also be worth investing in a modern car alarm or immo-biliser system, and having you door and window locks checked out and replaced if necessary.

But do check what happens if you need to claim. Many cut price policies are not as comprehensive as they sound, or leave big compulsory excesses for you to pay. While you are about it, check your life and health insurance and see if you can get a cheaper quote for your life assurance policies.

Time to look at the pension scene yet again. Pension contributions can be offset against tax. If your employer has a company pension scheme and you expect to stay with him, join it ASAP. If in doubt join it any way, because it is the only way you will get your employer to contribute to your pension fund. Employers usually at least match the contribution you make to the company scheme. You may well also be able to make additional voluntary contributions at little or no administrative cost.

Remember an employer is not obliged to contribute to a portable pension plan, and few do. But the chances of you working your entire career for one employer have diminished and are still diminishing. Even civil servants no longer have a job for life. So if there is no company scheme — or if you are determined to move on within a couple of years — it might be best to start that personal scheme straightaway, rather than freezing your pension and negotiating a transfer value every time you move job. How much you get out of a personal pension depends on how well contributions are invested rather than how much you put in or how much you earn just before you retire. But the experts claim that to retire on around two thirds of your final earnings you may need to put something like 6 per cent of your gross income into a pension pot in your twenties, rising to 8 per cent in your thirties, 10 per cent in your for-ties, 12 per cent in your fifties and 15 per cent if you are lucky enough to go on earning into your sixties.

Pension provision is even more important for women than for men, and especially for women who plan to take a break to have children. From April onwards the divorce courts will be able to take pensions into consideration in divorce settlements and order pensions to be shared when they fall due, but two pension pots will always be better than one.

Once your mortgages, insurances and pensions are Ochecked and satisfactory it is time to see what is left to save or invest. The big event of the next few weeks and maybe months will be the battle for the billions of pounds worth of Tessa tax-free deposit accounts which start maturing in 1996. The capital can be reinvested in a new Tessa, although the interest cannot, but you have six months after your first Tessa matures to decide whether to roll it over, so don't be in too much of a burry. Interest rates are a lot lower than they were when the first Tessas started five years ago, and there is more competition from corporate bond Peps and ordinary share Peps this

The most crucial choice for investors who stick with a Tessa is whether to go for a fixed rate or floating rate account this time round. Allied Trust Bank is offering 7.5 per cent fixed for five years on £9,000 rollovers, Sun Banking, a subsidiary of Sun Life of Canada is offering 7.25 per cent fixed for five years for those who think interest rates will trend lower over the next five years, or the option to start on a floating rate and switch to a fix after one, two or three years, which should appeal to anyone who thinks rates will actually trend higher between now and 2001. C&G offers 7.25 per cent on a minimum of

fost investors will take advantage of the £6,000 they Vican invest in a Personal Equity Plan before they consider unit trusts, investment trusts or individual company shares outside the tax-free PEP shelter. The choice of trusts is now almost as great as the choice: of shares. Trusts investing in UK funds will attract most money once again, and index tracker funds have the advantage of lower charges. Japan is recovering. slowly after severe slump. But European shares also have their supporters on the grounds that they yield three times more than Japanese shares. European companies are also just beginning the painful but profitable process of slimming down their labour forces and shedding costs which UK companies have gone through in the last decade.

Many investors choose to invest through regular savings plan because they cannot find a lump sum. But regular savers will at least know they are getting progressively bigger tranches of stock for their monthly investment if share prices especially in the UK and US do start to fall.

IN THE NEW YEAR...

Draw up some financial Delay getting your plans for 1996, giving top priority to the mortgage, then insurances and pension planning, then savings and investments if you can afford

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Try to reduce your tax bills through a pension or tax-free

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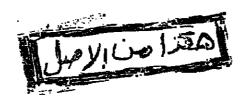
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Sun Life of Canada. Good rates, according to sums. Birmingham & Midshires pays 7.25 per cent on upwards of £3.000 in a new variable rate Tessa or 7.05 per cent on similar sums fixed for five years. Universal Building Society offers 7.1 per cent on

amounts as small as £1. These are just the latest indications of the efforts of Tessa providers to persuade existing account holders roll ment providers are huge. But for a punt on Railtrack.

Some juicy plums are being the efforts to hold onto Tes-dangled in front of sas contrast strongly with the downward trend in rates available on other savings on their maturing Tessas (Tax accounts. In the past few days Abbey National, Leeds & Accounts) for another five Holbeck, Bristol & West, Sun years with the same lender, or to switch to someone making and the Newcastle building societies have reduced rates on most other accounts across the board. The cuts reflect the downward trend in per cent at Northern Rock. lending rates, but the importance of retaining Tessa money suggests providers are also trying to rob other savers to pay Tessa account-holders to re-invest.

Once reinvested Tessas have to be kept for five years or lose tax-free status. Some providers also charge transfer fees to discourage withdrawals. Providers may be tempted to shift the balance to other savers once the Tessas are safely locked in. Hold-MoneyFacts the subscription ers of maturing Tessas have guide to best investments, six months to decide on are also offered on smaller renewal. A short-term alternative, or taking up a fixedrate Tessa now, may be worth considering. But who knows where rates will be in 2001.

Corporate bond PEPS offer little advantage in current yields but investors are not locked in for five years to get a tax-free investment, and bonds will provide some capital gain if interest rates fall rather than rise. Guaranteed their Tessas over and other stock market bonds offer holders transfer across. The varying combinations of guaramounts involved are simply—anteed return and exposure staggering, and even after to stock exchange growth. the expected spending spree and the real speculators will the opportunities for invest- keep a few hundred in hand

So how did 1995 measure up?

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Justin Urquhart-Stewart detects some clues to future trends as he looks back at the investment highlights of the year

FT-SE 100 rising by over 20 per cent. But did tection. we expect it? Back at the turn of the year there ment was looking insecure again, the stock market had a poor year in 94, and British financial pride was just about to be humiliated with the Bar-

ings fiasco. Not exactly an auspicious start. But there was a springboard of interest for the in the fray this year. private investor. The final tranche of PowerGen and National Power turned out sure fire winners, despite the strangely timed comments from the regulator which sent the shares sliding for a short period of time.

Also back in January came the first hints that the regional electricity companies might behave like standing dominoes. The Trafalgar House bid for Northern Electric was doomed but the concept which Trafalgar House had identified was about to be followed up very strongly by others. These Recs had a near guaranteed income, market and assets - but this was not reflected in their share price. Within weeks all this was to change, and the takeover frenzy lasted the whole year.

Domestically things were sluggish. But the market saw there were quality assets at good value prices for the taking. In the financial sector historic names such as Warburgs, Kleinwort Benson & Smith New Court all were taken over, and with the continuing rationalisation of the building societies, you could see the whole sector changing. Watch for this next year as well, with banks, insur-

Hindsight is wonderful, but it is logical that the was no great feeling of confidence. The Govern-staggering costs of drug development means that porate Bonds into Peps as from 10 July 1995. The mergers to pool resources are almost inevitable. In 1995 we had Glaxo and Wellcome, Fisons and RPR from France and there will no doubt be others involving Medeva and Zeneca who were also

As many of these takeovers involved FT-SE 100 companies, they had a disproportionate effect on the index. Confidence did extend further, but speculation was leading the market and I fear to an extent still is. At the time of writing I would see it as being healthy for the market to start just under 3600.

This enthusiasm was a marvellous coincidence for the birth of a newcomer. On 19 June a new Investment Market (AIM). This infant was not just a replacement for other smaller markets or trading rules. It was a genuine attempt to look at funding for growing companies from the cus-113 companies are quoted on it, funds have been

raised and as a result jobs created. to the London Stock Exchange. It operates by matching institutional buy and sell orders together. This contrasts with the normal pattern of share trading in the UK through the exchange's market makers - who act as a form of wholesalers.

rom uncertain beginnings, 1995 certainly ance companies and building societies all attempt—Such direct competition is indicative of what is ing to form wagon train circles for their own proautomation. There will be more to come here.

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A further advance was the introduction of corattraction of fixed income from sources other than Gilts and Pibs (permanent interest-bearing shares issued by building societies) can only be helpful. But take care here. These are not risk free, and high income does not necessarily balance with

high security. In July the Stock Exchange improved the settlement system in the UK by introducing five day rolling settlement. This may sound horribly technical, but its impact was to push many investors towards transferring their assets to nominees, so their name no longer appears directly on the com-

pany register. Now these can be very useful in the right hands stock market was launched, the Alternative in cutting out paperwork and speeding up payments, but a word of caution is appropriate to investors to ensure that they are not cut off in a nominee account from any company contact. If in doubt speak to your broker or bank and shop tomer's view point. And it has worked. To date around. Next year this question will arise again with the introduction of Crest.

The changes in financial, chemicals and power In the autumn Tradepoint went live as a rival companies are likely to continue and other sectors will also be affected, maybe water and building materials. The question is can we make every year a vintage year from here on? I very much doubt it - but we can learn to avoid making a pig's ear of it.

READERS' OFFER

28 December 1995

Despite their exotic appearance they are an the easiest of hulbs to grow to perfection and have the added bonus of coming up year after year.

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People will do anything to become record-breakers. Some even crawl out of bed on New Year's Day to prance along the streets of central London in fancy dress. In fact, if you head for Trafalgar Square at 1pm on Monday, you'll witness 8,000 people doing just that in aid of Scope. And the record they're out to break? Largest Marching Band ever, and with 52 bands from around the world taking part, it looks as though they are certain to win that coveted place in the Guinness Book of Records. To add to the spectacle there will be 3,000 cheerleaders, antique cars and vintage military vehicles, plus brightly-coloured floats and a firebreathing dragon constructed around a Mini. Overshadowing these events, literally, will be eight giant inflatables which the organisers have shipped over from the States. The 70ft-high Woody Woodpecker and Mighty Mouse will be hard to miss bobbing along in the marchers' midst. The procession starts at 12.50pm from Parliament Square and works its way through central London via Whitehall, Trafalgar

Square, Lower Regent St, Piccadilly Circus, Piccadilly, Berkley Street and Berkley Square. The event is free (contributions to Scope welcome) but grandstand seating is available at £12 per head along the route. Call 0181-566 8586 for tickets

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Follow me, follow, down to the hollow on New Year's Day for a glorious hangover cure. It is, naturally, the traditional annual Maldon Mud Race, wherein post-Christmas revellers quite deliberately dash across the deep, boggy brown stuff at the picturesque Blackwater Estuary. It is a gruelling test of spirit, and indeed, perhaps the contestant who has necked the most vodka beforehand will turn out to be the winner, immune as she will be from considerations of warmth, dryness and dignity. Why on earth do people do this? Margaret Rooke-Matthews, promotions officer at Maldon District Council, has a theory: "It seems to appeal to the slightly eccentric side of the normally strait-laced British personality." It is also, of course, all for charidee, and good causes helped include St Clare's Hospice, St John's Ambulance and King George's Fund for Sailors. If you're not already signed up, well too late, because entry closed at Christmas; your yen for flapping around in mud can be well satisfied in your very own garden with the help of a hose. But come along anyway and watch: while the soiled contestants dash to the hot shower block, you can prop up the beer tent. Hair of the dog, you see. Promenade Park, Maldon, Essex (01621 875842) 1pm New Year's Day



ally regarded as the world's fittest athletes, competition will be fierce. This is one title that every player is desperate to win, and all the big names and even bigger frames will be in attendance, including Phil Taylor, Eric Bristow, Red Harrington and John Lowe. Anyone contemplating a trip to Essex can be sure of at least two things: consumption of beer on an unprecedented scale and international darts of the highest standard. World Darts Council World Championship, Circus Tavern, Purfleet, Essex (01708 864001) to 1 Jan. Tickets £3-£9 each session. An all-session ticket is available for £35

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Six of the best: New Year's Day walks

After the rigours of the night before, ease into the New Year with a brisk walk on 1 January. It is a popular day for walks organised by local branches of the Ramblers' Association. Here are six of the best. Anyone is welcome. Call the numbers given if you are worried about the weather, or want fuller information

Treverva (nr Falmouth), Cornwall A picturesque 10-mile route including the Helford River and Treban gardens. Meet 11am at Treverva lay-by

North Cerney (nr Cirencester), Glos Quite a strenuous ramble in the Churn Valley. No dogs. Meet 9.30am at the Waterloo (01285 851884)

Cumnor, near Oxford Choose between three miles in the morning or five in the afternoon. Meet 10.45am or 2pm at the Vine, Conner (01367 710650)

West Wycombe, Bucks A fivemile hike in the morning or three-and-a-half in the afternoon, with good views and a



hill or two to climb. Meet 10.30am or 2.30pm at car park nr garden centre on Chorlev Road (01296 27717)

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West Malling, Kent Between four and five miles through orchards, meadows and woodland, with the incentive of a

pub lunch at the end. Meet 10.30am in the car park behind Tesco in Malling (01732 832212)

Culford (nr Bury St Edmunds) Suffolk Five-and-a-half mile walk, mainly in woodlands. Meet 10.30am at Culford School Sports Centre car park (01359 250815)

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ROCK ANGELA LEWIS

Gifford & Tilbrook Squeeze's songwriting due Chris Gifford and Glenn Tilbrook round off their December tour with this date. A time to celebrate the return to chart success with their album Ridiculous. Blackheath Concert Hall, London (0181-436 0100) New Year's Eve

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CLASSICAL ROBERT MAYCOCK

Hansel and Gretel Humperdinck's fairy-tale opera has it all: family appeal, a story by the Grimms with enough teeth to keep the tinsel at a distance, and the splendour of Wagnerian music. Palace Opera's staging features a new English translation. Queen Eliz-abeth Hall, London, tonight



DANCE **LOUISE LEVENE**

Budding balletomanes can enjoy a sugary lunchtime double-bill courtesy of the Royal Ballet today, when the Royal Ballet School dance Hart's Peter and the Wolf and the main company performs the staged version of Ashton's film The Tales of Beatrix Potter (above). Royal Opera House, London

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New Year's Day Television and Radio

Film choice

by James Rampton

odie Foster is now regarded as one of the smartest cookies in Hollywood, but even as a young girl she radiated intelligence, being Oscar-nominated for her performance in Taxi Driver. She manifests the same sophistication as Tallulah. a gangster's moll, in Alan Parker's delightful directorial debut. Bugsy Malone (11.45am BBC1), a Mob musical acted out entirely by children.

No doubt persuaded by a cheque the size of Scotland, Sean Connery donned his wig and picked up his Walther PPK to play Jumes Bond in Never Say Never Again (5.55pm BBC1). Though Connery could still rivet reading out the telephone directory. Irvin Kershner's 1983 film lacks the panache of the actor's earlier outings in the 007 DJ.



Do you remember those seemingly faroff days when Robbie Coltrane was just another comedy actor and not a Baftabestrewn heavyweight thesp? Nuns on the Run (8.30pm C4), a throwaway comedy, hails from that earlier pre-Crucker period. state of Britain.

This tale of two lowlifes (Coltrane and Eric Idle) biding out in a nunnery has its moments, but never reaches the sublime comic heights its director Jonathan Lynn touched in co-writing les, Minister.

Despite a top-notch cast (Danny Glover, Kevin Kline. Steve Martin). Lawrence Kasdan's Grand Canyon (10pm BBC2) flatters to deceive with its grandiose themes wrapped around a group of middle-class characters. Like his earlier The Big Chill, it promises more than it delivers.

Gabriel Byrne, who fizzes in The Usual Suspects, made his big breakthrough with David Drury's Defence of the Realm (11.15pm C4), playing a journalist who discovers there's something rotten in the

Television choice

by Gerard Gilbert

Bacharach is hip. Noel Gallagher of Oasis says so. Elvis Costello has just written a song with him and Erasure are just about to release a Bacharach cover tersion. Easy listening is where it's at and Burt Racharach. This la Now for the control of the land of version. Easy listening is where it's at, and Burt Bacharach. This is Now (8pm BBC2), instead of making you wonder at the vagaries of fashion, has you bot footing it down to Our Price for ; the entire back list.

sics like "What's New Pussycat?" and "Alfie" - this is also the man who penned "Walk on By", "Say a Little Prayer", "The Look of Love" and "I Just" Don't Know What to Do with Myself". and it began to show. Now give the man some respect.

scarce (grilled squirrel once a week if he was lucky). The singer's idea of showing off his new-found wealth was to have a cheeseburger - because the cheese to the burger was considered a reckless luxury Bacharach not only wrote kitsch clas- in the poor white trash circles where he was raised. He once took a private jet just to go and eat a renowned peanut andjello sandwich. There are an awful lot of calories in a peanut and jello sandwich,

Did Elvis Presley die of mad cow Peacock Spring (9pm BBC1), a stodgy



novel set in 1939 India, whither the fwo daughters of an English diplomat are summoned. More for is Roald Dahl's There are a lot of calones in The Little Red Riding Hood (4.05pm eacock Spring (9pm BBC1), a stodyy BBC1), starring Julie Wallers

7.00 Children's BBC: Classical Music Animations. 7.25 Favourite Songs: 7.50 Joshua Jones. 8.00 Playdays. 8.20 Joe 90. 8.45 Peter Pan and the Pirates. 9.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles. 9.30 Stone Protectors, 9.55 Blue Peter - High

10.25 The Princess and the Goblin, Animation, A princess is forced to marry an ugly goblin. Social sature for the Mineties, voiced by Joss Ackland, Rik Mayall and Mollie Sugden (5273468). 11.45 Steam Bugsy Malone (Alan Parker 1976 UK). All-

singing, alf-dancing, alf-child gangster movie in which the gurfights consist of foam and custard pres. Jodie Foster stars (632517). * 1.15 News: Weather (73742710). *

1.25 Neighbours (S) (57615343). * 1.45 EastEnders (R) (\$) (\$950130). *
2.40 ISSI Suburban Commando (Burt Kennedy 1991

US). Wrestling star Hull, Hogan makes the break for movie success as an alien living underground in the suburbs. Surprisingly diverting (S)

4.05 Roald Dahl's Little Red Riding Hood. With a stupid and lazy wolf (voiced by Danny DeVito), an alcoholic granny and a wilfully cruel Red Riding Hood (Julie Walters) (\$) (899-4420). * 4.50 Final Score (S) (9-1526-12).

5.15 News, Local News, Weather (4892178), * 5.30 Neighbours (R) (S) (494536).

5.55 回版 Never Say Never Again (Irvin Kershner 1983 US). Biofeld has his eye on world domination again. The grizzled Sean Connery comes back into bondage to foil him. Pleasant semi-spoof, with Klaus Maria Brandauer, Barbara Carrera and kim Basinger (S) (59604517). * 8.00 EastEnders (S) (9569).

8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart. Return of the time-travel sitcom, Gary wants to see in both New Years. Ho ha he (9246). *

9.00 The Peacock Spring. 1/2, New Delhi, 1959, A dipiomat's daughter pals up with a local gardener and causes scandal in this two-part adaptation of Rumer Godden's novel (S) (6757739). 10.25 News, Local News, Weather (557913).

10.45 Match of the Day. Highlights of Liverpool vs Nottingham Forest, and Tottenham Hotspur vs Manchester United (S) (826275). 11.35 The Rolling Stones: Voodoo Lounge Live. The

Stones, live in Miami (S) (208055). 1.10 SEE Carry on Doctor (Gerald Thomas 1968 UK). On-err, Nurse, that's a big one etc (4043918). * **2.40 Weather** (7691260), *To* 2.40am.

REGIONS, Scot: 1.15pm News: Weather, 4.50 After noon Sportscene 10.45 Sportscene - Match of

BBC2

7.15 TILM The Square Peg (John Paddy Carstairs 1958 UK). An almost watchable Norman Wisdom comedy. In this, he is accidentally paractuted behind enemy lines during the war

8.45 STATE A Day at the Races (Sam Wood 1937 US).
One of the Marx Brothers' best showings. Something to do with a sanatorium, a group of bankers, a blond siren and a steeplechase (30853197).

10.30 The Voyage of Charles Darwin (R) (76710).
12.30 Solti Conducts: The World Orchestra for Peace.
As part of the UN's 50th anniversary celebrations, Sir Georg Solti hand-picked a 90-piece orchestra to play in the Victoria Hall in Geneva. Including Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra, the last scene from Beethoven's opera Fidelio and Rossini's

William Tell Overture (S) (5648710). 1.50 1996 World Professional Darts Championship. Live coverage of first-round matches (S) (61766517).

4.15 Ski Sunday Special. Ski-jumping from Germany (S) (7555998). 4.50 Coastermania. A history of the rollercoaster. They

have their roots in 16th century Russia, apparently (S) (2104739). 5.40 Pavarotti and Domingo at the Met. The two heavyweight singers in a double-bill from New York's Metropolitan Opera, featuring Puccini's II

Tabarro, Leoncavallo's Pagliacci, and conductor James Levine (S1 (21453265). 8.00 Burt Bacharach... This Is Now. Dusty Springfield narrates a profile of the Prince of Smooth

8.50 Another Foot in the Past (858246). 9.00 Arena. An exploration of the culinary world of Elvis

Presley (1826). * 10.00 Grand Carryon (Lawrence Kasdan 1991 US). Danny Glover saves Kevin Kline from a gang attack. Kevin turns round Danny's lonely and girlfnend-less life in return. Then they help some teenagers. We all-have-something-to-offer morality tale of the smuggest and least inventive kind, with a welcome appearance by Steve Martin and his wiggly legs, plus Mary McDonnell, Mary-Louise Parker and Alfre Woodward (91105915). 12.10 1996 World Professional Darts Championship.

More first-round matches of this compelling

spectacle. And that's just the players (9163005). 1.10 The Days (Wang Xiaoshuai 1993 China). Slow but gripping portrait of the relationship between two artists in the fast-changing modern China. Both Dong and Chun teach at the Beijing 2.25 Weatherview (6676918). To 2.35am.

ITV/London

6,00 GMTV. 6.00 News and weather. 6.05 Features special. 7.00 News. 7.05 Tom and Jerry Kids. 7.30 Barney 8.00 Galaxy High, 8.30 Starla and the Jewel Riders, 8.55 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (2233536). 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. A measly £250 up for grabs

(S) (4779130). 9.55 Bugs Bunny (1241333). 10.20 Warner Brothers Cartoon (7830710). 10.35 (1881) Hill's Angels (Ted Kotcheff 1978 US).

Leaden comedy in which a vicar's female parishioners form a crime squad (5) (37057246). 12.30 News; Weather (21927468). * 12.40 Make 'Em Laugh (R) (6001246).
1.10 Size The Stalking Moon (Robert Mulligan 1969
US). A scout helps a woman escape her Apache

captors. Stars Gregory Peck (29292178).

3.00 SEM On Her Majesty's Secret Service (Peter Hunt 1969 UK). Bond, Bond, Bond. George Lazenby's turn as the old roue, on the track, as usual, of the ruthless Blofeld. He's no Connery, but

this is probably the best Bond movie, partly thanks to Diana Rigg's involvement as the most flesh-and-blood "Bond girl" yet, and partly thanks to the ski stunts and Alpine scenery (64503604). *
5.25 News; Weather (4876130). *
5.40 SING Curly Sue (John Hughes 1991 US). A film with "Curry" in its title is bound to feature a cute moppet. This one (Alisan Porter), is half of a con-tricking double-act with James Belushi, cleaned

up by lawyer Keily Lynch (SI (49153420). *
7.30 Coronation Street. Curly and Raquel are in good spirits, you'll be glad to hear (81). *
8.00 Bruce's Price Is Right (S) (5807). *
8.30 The Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie: Heartstones.

Daughter suspects father of bumping off his first wife (60410). *
10.30 Call Red: Behind the Scenes (775178).
10.40 News; Weather (991008). *

10.50 Admift (Christian Duguay 1993 US). Couple on cruise make the time-honoured mistake of rescuing a couple of strangers in distres.

(74484333). 12.40 Absence of Malice (Sydney Pollack 1980 US). Reporter Sally Field is duped by the government. Intelligent exploration of the wrong side of the media (23949734).

2.50 The Intruder (Guy Hamilton 1955 UK). War vets suffer hardships. Stars Jack Hawkins (8532289).

4.15 Profile (R) (S) (17143531). 4.25 Dead Men's Tales (18177395). 4.50 Life in Danger (Terry Bishop 1959 UK). Villagers hunt an escaped murderer (2258685), 5.55 News (7711463). To 6.00am

Channel 4

6.35 Think Tank (R) (S) (5306401). 7.00 The Big Breakfast (36062).

9.00 Saved by the Belt: The New Class (R) (4707913). 9.25 Babylon 5 (R) (S) (6106410), * 10.20 California Dreams (R) (1060246). 10.45 Biker Mice from Mars (7393333).

11.10 Mork and Mindy (R) (S) (9893517). * 11.40 The Morning Line. The day's nags previewed (S) (5171401).

12.10 Sesame Street (5048159). 1.10 Channel 4 Racing from Cheltenham. Brough Scott introduces the 1.35 Seven Spings Novices Chase

(2m 5f); 2.10 Steel Plate Trial Juvenile Novices Hurdle (2m 1f); 2.45 ASW Handicap Chase (4m 10; 3.20 Unicoin Homes Spa Hurdle (3m 110 yd) (84334410). 3.40 Snapshots: Enoch Powell. Enoch Powell returns: to Cambridge University (R) (1488710).

4.00 Backdate. Valerie Singleton makes her C4 debut with a new daily quiz show, testing contes memory about the last 50 years (10). 4.30 Countdown (S) (94). * 5.00 Love in the Afternoon (S) (6772). * 6.00 The Cosby Show (R) (59). *

6.30 Hollvoaks. The classless Chester teenage

organise a party. Followed by Channel 4 News Summary and Weather (S) (249710). 1 7.05 Secrets of the Rainforest (S) (767791). 8.00 Stolen. A repeat Short Stories documentary in which an elderly woman tries to track down her porcelain collection, which was stolen in a break-

in at her house (3449). Nuns on the Run (Jonathan Lynn 1990 UK). Incompetent crooks Eric Idle and Robbie Coltrane steal a million from the Triads and hide

out in a numery. Not furny (15761401). * 10.15 Glasshouse. Repeat Cutting Edge documentary about the military corrective training centre, or glasshouse in Colchester (R) (961371). *

11.15 Glass Defence of the Realm (David Drury 1985

UK). Prime slice of 1980s paranoia, shot in sombre, muted tones and starring Gabriel Byrne as a journalist investigating the scandal surrounding an Opposition MP, Greta Scacchi, Denholm Elliott and Ian Bannen co-star (110913).

1.00 MAN A Fire Has Been Arranged (Leslie Hiscott. 1935 UK). Released from jail, crooks Flanagan and Allen discover a shop has been built over the spot where they buried their ill-gotten gains. Worth it alone for the participation of the sublime Alastair Sim (9433181). 2,15 Calypso Season (R) (583717). To 3.15am.

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Radio 1

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Choice

Fifty years on, The Nuremburg

7.30 Amsterdam Mahler Festival. Bestin Phyl Act ado. Symphony (46.9). 9.10 Cultural Bargage. 9.30 Jespers for St Bartholomew. 10.45 The Shellac Snow. 11.30-12.30am Ensemble. Brahms: Waltzes for plane duet. Go 39. Herzogenberg: Vanations

on a Theme of Brahms, Op 23.

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12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News: The Death of Iven Nyich, Anton Lesser stars in Leo Tolstoy's classic tale. 3.00 News: The Alternoon Shift. 4.00 News.

4.05 Kaleidoscope, Luciano Pavaroth 4.45 Short Story: Family Feelings. Fool for Lave. 5.00 PM. 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Sp. O'Clock News. 5.15 The Enchanted Parsin 6.30 Hens Quiz of the feat. (2/2) 7.00 News.

7.20 The Monday Play: The Hurem-terg Inal. See Choice. 9.59 Weather.

10.00 The World Tonight.

7.05 The Archers.

Trial (7.20pm R4) is an utterly compelling reconstruction of the most important trial of this century - it takes the trouble to question whether this was the right way to finsih the Second World War, while showing that it was an astonishing marshalling of reason against inhumanity.

10.45 Book at Begrims: The Harpole Peport by JL Car. (1/10). 11.00 The Unheard Prophet. 11.30 The Water Gypsies By AP Hertert (1/6). 12.30 The Late Book, Miss Smitta's

Feeling for Snow by Peter Hoeg. (1) 15). 12.48 Shipping Forecas: 1,00am As World Service

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World Service 1.00am World News 1.10 Words of Faith 1.15 Sinatra: A Master at Work 1.45 Health Matters 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Dunte, Unquite 3.00 World News 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newscest 4.30 Off the Sheft: Peter Pen 4.45 Early Version 5.00 (version) 5.30 Vinat's News 5.45 On the More

Satellite

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11.00 Sally Jessy Rephael (95729), 12.00 Jeopardyl (27730), 12.30 Mignay Morphin Power Rangers (55772), 1.00 The Wattons (2555), 2.00 Geraldo (50178), 3.00 1995 Bilboard Music Awards (68710), 5,00 Star Trak: The Next Generation (1517). 6.00 The Simpsons (8536), 6.30 Jeogardy! (9886), 7.00 LAPD (2246) 7.30 MASH (8772). 8.00 Central Park, West (21468). 9.00 Police Rescue (59884). 10.00 Star Treb: The Next Genera-tion (67831), 11.00 Law & Order 75504), 12.00 David Letterman (3537395), **12.45** The Untouch-soles (6921598), **1.30** The Edge (32918) **2.00-6.00am** His Min

SKY MOVIES 6.00am Joy of Lirang (1938) (5-759) 8.00 Alice Adams (1935) (34130), 10.00 Mrs Doutsfire (1993) (5/730555), 12.06 Supress Postel (1955) 12.05 Summer Pental (1985) (70255). 2.00 Hostage for a Day (1993) (2857). 4,00 Son of the Park Parither (1993) (6449). 6.00 Mrs Doubtire (1993) (16807), 8,00 Shadowlands (1993) (24528081), 10.15 Brem Stoken's Diagola (1992) \$55,675 Discula (1992) (46399710), 12.25 Close to Eden (1992) (363214), 2.15 Used Pecple (1992) (964014), 4.10-6.00am The Good Police-

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(22307), 8.00 Snowboard Tour (21604) 8.30 Football Special

League (926352), 2,00 Darts-Live (446791), 5,00 Futbol

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Night Football (34734), 3.30-4.00am Sports Centre (75734).

(28701468), 10.15 Cricket (1614333), 11.30 The Big

the Year award. 9.00 Carry on Emmannuelle (44641197). 10.40 The Bill (2353197). 11.15 The Best of Top of the Pops (6905826). 12.00 Dr Who: The Sunmakers (2967802). 12.30 Telefon 150299011. 2.00-7.00am Shop-p.ng (7449173). SKY SPORTS 7.00am World Sport Special (51212), 7.30 Racing News

Pastimes

Year of the Newt William Hartston

It has been a momentous and well-defined year. Indeed, with 75 defining moments compared with only 27 last year, 1995 may fairly be described as the year of defining moments. Or you could call it the Year of the Newt. We shall come to that later. First, the defining moments. We have had several in Bosnia, almost as Margaret 7831 7454 -4.8 many in Ireland, and a not inconsiderable number in Virginia 4404 4102 -6.9 both the Conservative and Hillary 916 696 -24 Labour parties. There was

even one in the ENO production of Don Giovanni. Our figures are based on a count of occurrences of the phrase "defining moment" in the pages of the Independent and Independent on Sunday throughout the year, and the comparison with last year shows that 1995 was either a remarkable year or, more likely, that "defining moment" wins the Cliché of

However, our primary concern today is not with cliches but with names. For this purpose we have consulted a representative sample of the daily and Sunday press. from the Sun to the Sunday Times, to see how many times certain names have appeared in 1995 and to assess the trends by comparing the figures with those of 1994

Table 1 lists the results for distinct articles in which each features are the huge rise in in relative order, it is inter- in these turbulent times.

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Silvana and the drop in Hillary. While we should be cautious in extrapolating on the basis of a single year's trend, it is worth mentioning that if these rates are maintained, Silvana will overtake Hillary around the middle of 1997. The slow decline of Margaret and Virginia were. perhaps, only to be expected. but the rise in Madonna is a

little surprising.
The large rise in Divine is particularly interesting. It is up by 570 on the previous year, though the word Brown" was only found in 463 of these. The steady rise in Norma suggests that she could hold off the growing challenge from Cherie for another couple of years. Men's names (see Table 2)

show considerably more ures represent the number of number. Slobodan, Eric and fast as ostriches. Tony have also had good Mad cows are still numerpercentage change from 1994 badly. While the women's is increasingly endangered, to 1995. As is immediately names, for all their individual; but it is good to see the aard-

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Newt also features at the top of our final table of life. forms of the year. Its 348 per cent rise is way ahead of the computer viruses in second volatility with Orenthal and place. Pigs as might be tiplying more than sixfold expected in this Chinese Year the most significant women's and Ratko and Newt also of the Pig. have also snorted more than quadrupling in ahead though not nearly as

name appeared, with the years, but Vladime, Boris ous, but somewhat down on final column giving the and Boutros have faded last year. The hippopotamus apparent, the most striking performances, changed little vark as the one stable feature

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New Year's Eve Television and Radio

RECOMMENDED VIEWING

Film choice James Rampton

Tom Hanks has made suppling of a speciality our of playing samable periodies (Big. Femily China). He does so once more as a man who falls in love with a manuald (Dary Hannah) in Ron Howard's bandless fantasy, Splask (3.15pm ITV).

Terry Topes is a man of many parts

Terry Jones is a man of many parts.
Among other flipps, he has directed films (Personal femices, Erik the Viking), written a well-impanded book and presented a TV semes about the Crusades. He also smilling finds the time to pen streenplays, such as Labyrinth (3.45pm BBC1), an EX-laden fantasy. Directed by Jun Hasson, the film tells the tale of a Jim Heason, the film tells the tale of a but it was as an action man in films like young got's (Jennifer Connelly) attempts. The Jewel of the Nile (5.35pm ITV) that



King of the Goblins (David Bowie). In The American President, Michael Douglas displays a keen eye for comedy, to rescue her baby brother from Jareth, he made his name. Lewis Teague's

sequel to Romancing the Stone again teams him with ballsy Kathleen Turner, but this time round they fail to glisten. Taking everyone by surprise, the Australian film Strictly Ballroom (left) (8.20pm BBC1) became the sleeper of 1992. On reflection, it's not hard to see why. Baz Luhrman's debut as director strikes a nice balance between sending up and celebrating a world most of us only previously knew through Come Dancing.

No film of a musical is ever wholly going to capture the buzz of the live version, but South Pacific (8.30pm C4) makes a respectable stab at it. Joshua Logan's interpretation features Mitzi Gaynor as a nurse who falls for an older man, French planter Rossano Brazzi.

Television choice

by Gerard Gilbert

unable to join Angus Deayton for his End of the Year Show." Well. thank goodness for that. Two practitioners of deadpan plus Richard Wilson: what a gloomy, unexpressive gathering. Dee's place in The End of the Year Show (11pm BBC1; BBC2 in Scotland) is taken by someone called "Alexis Sayle", who may or may not be the famous Scouse comedian. Dee's illness was announced on 21 December so either poor of Jack is in a bad way or the show isn't going out live.

When the BBC first screened Louis Malle's 1969 film about India, the Indian government was so angered it expelled the Beeb from the country. It

ue to illness, says the BBC is the film Malle always said he was press release. Jack Dee will be proudest of, and earlier this year, the terminally-ill director re-edited this fascinating, self-concious, sometimes naive journey across the sub-continent and Fine Cut (8.25pm BBC2) is showing the results.

Screen Two has a handsome but uninspiring adaptation of Thomas Hardy's Return of the Native (right) (9.50pm BBC2), directed by Jack Gold and starring Catherine Zeta Jones as the Wessex girl dying for some excitement. This eventually trundles up in the shape of Clym Yeobright (Ray Stevenson). Clive Owen and Joan Plowright also star.

It's the battle of the bands on Channel 4 and BBC2. The Third Annual Jools'



Hootenanny (12am BBC2; not Scotland) boasts Eric Clapton, Dr John Supergrass and the Mike Flower Pops. The White Room: New Year Special (11.15pm C4) counters with Oasis, David Bowie, Chris Farlowe and PM Dawn.

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7.35 SHEM Inspector Clouseau (Bud Yorkin 1968 US). Alan Arkin steps into Pater Sellers's shoes for an ill-advised outing in Swinging London. Beryl Reid helps out (56084509).
9.10 News (506848). *

9.15 The Big Question. Imran Khan opens the batting for a new series of chat (S) (5871141). 9.30 First Light (S) (46851).

10.00 CountryFile (S) (51832).

10.30 State E Cit (Anthony Mann 1961 US). Above-average history epic with Charlton Heston ridding 11th-century Spain of the Moors (83610238).

1.25 News (61682054). 1.30 Review of the Year 1995. John Humphrys and news clips (8056257). 2,45 EastEnders Omnibus (S) (949035). *

3.45 Eliza Labyrinth (Jim Henson 1986 US). An adolescent girl enters a magic kingdom ruled by the Goblin King to rescue her baby brother. Enjoyable enough, milidly imaginative animatronic fantasy (923141). *

5.20 Black Hearts in Battersea. New drama series aimed at children and based on Joan Aiken's novel set during the fictional reign of King James III in the early 19th century (S) (8490783). * 5.50 News; Weather (897219). * 6.05 Local News (449702).

6.10 Songs of Praise on Ice. Hymns from the Ice Arena at Blackpool Pleasure Beach (S) (712986). *
6.45 Antiques Roadshow. From Ely Cathedrai (S)

7.30 Pie in the Sky. Returning series for the police inspector-cum-restaurateur (S) (350580). *
8.20 Strictly Ballroom (Baz Luhrmann 1992

Aus). Thoroughly charming Aussie comedy-drama about an artistically ambitious ballroom-dancer (Paul Mercurio) determined to try out some unorthodox moves - and only being understood by shy newcomer Tara Morice (S) (8442967). 9.50 News; Weather (160764). *

10.051 Worked with Morecambe and Wise... and Look What Happened to Me. Some of the guest stars who have appeared with Morecambe and Wise recall their experiences (668054). *

11.00 The End of the Year Show with Angus Deayton.
With Richard Wilson, Alexei Sayle, Nick Hancock
and Lily Savage (Includes Big Ben) (S) (262899).

12.05 Happy New Year, Says the Archbishop of

Canterbury (5528197). 12.10 Hogmanay Live. Gordon Kennedy and Lorraine Kelly in Edinburgh are joined by Gary Glitter, Big Country, Eddi Reader and Aly Bain (8303159) 1.00 (2014) Carry on Camping (Gerald Thomas 1969 UK), What – you're still sober? (9751246). * 2.25 Weather (2933710). To 2.30am.

BBC2

7.30 Children's BBC; The Adventures of Skippy, 7.55 Playdays, 8.10 Babar, 8.35 Jackanory, 9.00 Bitsa, 9.15 The Curious Case of Dr Hertz Van Rental, 9.40 Phantom 2040, 10.05 Blue Peter the Best Bits. 10.35 Grange Hill. 11.00

Newsround Review of the Year. 11.30 The Royal Institute Christmas Lectures - Planet Earth, an Explorer's Guide (S) (80325). 12.30 Rugby Special (S) (82306). 1.30 Rugby Special (S) (82306).

Sophisticated cartoon musical about a country cat's adventures in the big city. Judy Garland leant her voice (8038851).

2.50 [183] Pal Joey (George Sidney 1957 US). Curate's egg of a screen adaptation of the Rodgers and Hart musical, with Frank Sinatra as the nightclub singer vacillating between wide-eyed Kim Novak and experienced rival Rita Hayworth (53284783).

4.40 Notes from a Diva: Cardiff Singer of the World.
Six singers from this year's competition have a masterclass from Romanian mezzo ileana Cotrubas, Finnish baritone Tom Krause and Australian coloratura soprano, Dame Joan Sutherland (S) (8779431).

5.30 Wildlife on Two (R) (S) (431). * 6.00 The Wolves of Willoughby Chase (Stuart Orme 1989 UK). To compliment their new children's series starting over on BBC1, the Beeb screens this disappointing version of Joan Aiken's other classic story, with a miscast Stephanie

Beacham, helped out by Mel Smith, Geraldine James and a pre-Bubble Jane Horrocks (42219). 7.30 Video Nation – Best of 95 (533832). * 8.10 Close Up. John Landis chooses scenes from Annie

Hall and Jaws (922290).

8.25 Fine Cut: Louis Malle's India, Edited by the terminally-ill Louis Malle, this is a part reworking of his acclaimed 1970 travelogue about India (S) (7342851). * 9.50 Screen Two: Return of the Native. Adapted from

Thomas Hardy's novel, with Catherine Zeta Jones as Wessex girl Eustacia Vye and Clive Owen as Damon Wildeve (405783). * 11.30 TOTP2 Brit Pop: Then and Now(\$) (88986). 12.00 Third Annual Jools Hootenanny. With Eric

Clapton, Dr John, Supergrass and Alanis Morissette (2326791). 1.15 Imagine: John Lennon (Andrew Solt 1988

US). Surely even the most obsessed Lennon fan has been satiated by the excellent Beatles Anthology. If not, this documentary is based around the 1971 recording of the title song (929739). 2.55 Weatherview (7641265). To 3.05am.

ITV/London

6.00 GMTV. 6.00 The Sunday Review. 6.30 News and

Sport. 7.00 The Sunday Programme (82162).
8.00 Disney Adventures (\$) (5650941).
9.25 Big Foot (Danny Huston 1987 US). Concluding the Disney adventure in which two boys, camping in the mountains of Oregon, encounter a huge ape-like creature (±192108). 10.15 Link (\$) (7053783). *

10.30 This Sunday. 11.00 Morning Worship from St Osmond's, Derby (S) (4)073). 12.30 The Munsters Today (S) (2818615). 12.55 Local News, Weather (12827783). 1.00 News, Weather (48328528).

1.10 Cartoon Time (48308764). 1.25 TIME Knightrider 2000 (Tom Hinky 1991 US). Feature-length adventure for Michael Knight and his car KITT. Stars a fully-clothed David Hasselhoff

3.15 FLA Splash (Ron Howard 1984 US). Warm romantic comedy in which Tom Hanks falls in love with the mermaid who saved him from drowning as a boy (Daryl Hannah) (\$1 (875431). *
5.15 London Tonight (3035141). *
5.25 News, Weather (6120344). *
5.35 ELLI The Jewel of the Nile (Lewis Teague 1985

US). Lesser sequel to Romancing the Stone reunites Kathleen Turner and Michael Douglas (41859493).

7.30 You've Been Framed (\$) (306). * 8.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot: Death in the Clouds. Recycled David Suchet yam as the Belgian sleuth wraps his brain around an ingenious murder committed on an aeroplane flight from Paris to

London (7986).

10.00 The Beatles Anthology. The last instalment of this thrilling official history of the Moptops finds their hair growing ever longer, Let It Be being recorded and Yoko Ono appearing ever more often (6493).

11.00 News, Weather (145847).

11.20 First Swing Shift (Jonathan Demme 1984 US).

Romantic comedy in which married housewife Goldie Hawn takes factory work in World War Two and finds love with Kurt Russell. The original version, rehashed on Goldie Hawn's insistence was apparently a minor masterpiece (681325).

11.55 The New Year (953219). 12.05 GES Swing Shift. Continued (7931333). 1,25 GES Claws! (Richard Bansbach 1977 US). A giant bear terrorises an Alaskan community

3.10 Hurry Up or I'll Be Thirty (Joseph Jacoby 1972 US). Mid-life crisis comedy (426468). 4.45 STEA Come Out Fighting (William Beaudine 1945 US). Comedy featuring the East Side Kids (1002913), To 5.55am.

Channel 4

6.10 Blitz! (R) (5680211).

7.05 The Herbs (R) (9569967). 7.20 Lift Off (R) (S) (2250677). 7.50 The Great Bong (S) (7650870).

8.05 Hong Kong Phooey (2564764). 8.30 Where on Earth Is Carmen Sandiego? (S)

(7986764). 8.55 Exosquad (S) (7905899).

9.20 Running the Halls (R) (S) (8108783). 9.45 The Pink Panther (S) (639986).

10.15 Saved by the Bell: The New Class (2309764). *
10.40 Rocko's Modern Life (S) (5536832).
11.05 Sizz Elephant Boy (Robert Flaherty/Zoltan Korda 1937 UK). Flaherty directed the Indian location

footage in this once-admired Kipling adaptation that introduced Sabu to the world (5871054). 12.35 The Thief of Bagdad (Michael Powell, Tim Whelan, Ludwig Berger, Zoltan Korda 1940 UK). Alexander Korda's magical, hugely ambitious slice of The Arabian Nights - begun in Blitzed-out

Britain and completed in Hollywood. Sabu, with

the help of magnificent djinni Rex Ingram, foils wicked Grand Vizier Conrad Veidt and restores Prince John Justin to the throne of Baghdad 2.35 4 Goes to Glyndebourne: The Makropulos Case. Stunning, justly celebrated production of Janacek's opera from this year's Glyndebourne, directed by Nikolaus Lehnhoff, and starring Anja

Silja (S) (12124344). 4.25 Battle for the Planet of the Apes (J Lee Thompson 1973 US). Last and least of the chimp sequels (34216035). 6.00 The Persuaders! (58696). *

7.00 Riverdance - the Show. Highlights from the hugely popular Irish dance stage show - the choreographer's answer to synchronised swimming, according to some (S) (45431). *
8.30 SUM South Pacific (Joshua Logan 1958 US).

Slow-moving adaptation of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. Mitzi Gaynor is the naive for widowed Rosanno Brazzi (45591764). * 11,15 The White Room: New Year Special. The

stripped-down music show, featuring live sets from Oasis, David Bowie, PM Dawn and Chris Farlowe, the British R&B singer of the 1960s. Plus, highlights from the last series (160716). 12.50 American Football: The Road to Superbowl

6013517). 2.10 The Beat Specials (R) (S) (6451772). 3.10 The Beat Specials (R) (S) (3030604). 4.05 The World of Hammer (R) (78891623). To

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As London except 11.00am Morring Worship (5451453),
12.25pm A World of Worder (5862257), 12.50 Reports
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(96667723), 5.15 Regional News, Westher (3035141),
Note: ITN News & Westher (135847), 11.20 Filtre Sungshift (681325), 1.25am Filtre. The Hound of the
Bastervilles (556449), 3.15am Filtre. The Spin of Four
(133517), 5.00am Music Voteo (3255384), 5.05-5.55am

As London except: 12.30pm Central Newswell (2318615): 12.55 Central News (12827783): 1.30 Film: Time Flyer (25590257): 5.15 Central News (3035/47): 11.20-1.25am Film: Swingstoft (681725).

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As London except: 11,00am Morning Worship (9-2035).
12,00 The Sunday (33899), 12,30 Behind the Christmas Curtain (42035). 1,10 The Big Face Special (872344), 240 Filter Night Roles 2000 (53291073).
4,25 The South Bank Show (5882431). 11,20 Film: Swingshift (681325). 12,05am Film: Swingshift (7931333), 1,25am Film: Stand Up Virgin Society (288623). 3,00am Film: The Burglars (60474). 5,00-5,55am The Chart Show (4489791).

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\$40 As C4 except 7,00am The Hertis (*5519-43), 8.05 Hong Rong Phoce (*2564763), 8.50 Running the Halls (*7906529), 9.15 Showtime: Blur in Concert (690257), 10.15 The Mousehole Cat (296529), 10.50 New Gamesmaster (555636), 11.20 Film: Ison and the Aggnards (370859-9), 1.00 Film: Ison and the Aggnards (370859-9), 1.00 Film: December (57078), 2.00 Town Fyrnor (85899), 3.00 Phone Conders (4948), 3.30 Film: Mutany on the Bounty (85933-4), 6.45 Pobol y Carm (8829557, 7.15 Dechtral Canju Dechtral (989528), 7.45 Newyddon (617690, 7.50 Wedi (274677), 8.40 Chwarsen Trom Chusew (50242298), 10.15 Arth Most Tey Man Draw (1009764), 11.20 Noson Lawen Nos (alan (231219), 12.15am Just for Laughs (4329866), 12.50-2.10am American Football: The Road to the Superfood (6013517).

Radio

Radio 1

57多数测量(2) 7.00am Kevin Greening 10.00 Jo Whiley 1.00 The Best Collins and Maconie's Hit Parade... Evert 4.00 UK Top 40 7.00 Pete Tong's National Anthems of the 90s 10.00 Dave Pearce's New Year Party 2.00-7.00am 95 Essentially Mixed

Radio 2

7.00am Don Maclean 9.05 initae! Aspel 10.30 Hayes on 95 12.00 Desmand Carrington 2.00 Valentino 3.00 Brighton Lights 4.00 Chris Stuart's Piano Parlour 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Sunday Soapbox 7.00 Nanette Newman 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Keth 10.00 Chris Stuart 1.00 Adrian Finghan 3.00-6.00am Steile Madden

到1974年間 6.35am Open University: Count down to Graphs.
7.00 Sacred and Profane.
8.55 Choice of Three. 9.00 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning. 12.15 The Quintessential Paul Tortelier, Reminiscences of the

legendary cellist.
1.00 News; Faires: Isle Songbook. 1.15 Fairest isle
1.45 Amsterdam Mahler Festival,
Introduced by Humphrey Burton,
New Sinfonietta, Amsterdam/Lev

Marxic.
3.00 Spirit of the Age. The signifi-cance of masks in Commedia dell' Arte.
4.00 Dvorak. Recorded at the 1995 Edinburgh Festival. Terzei-to in 3.0p 74; Mano Trio No 3 of F. Op 65; Piano Quintet No 2 5.4. Co 81.

... A, Cp 81. 5.45-11.45 Remembering and gering. An evening on the terms of memory.
5.50 Twinkle. Twinkle...

6.05 Now Remember, Includes readings from Vladimir Nack ov's Speak, Memory.

6.25 Messages. 6.45 Garcia's Resurrection. Profile of the late Grateful Dead guitarist 7.10 So What is Memory?

8.05 - Posselle: Summer of 1915. 8.25 - Paralo Pinter: The Proust brace of Things Past. 10.35 Vinteuil. La Petite Phrase. 10.40 Miserere.

of an intriguing evening of (5.45-11,45pm R3).

11.35 Strauss - Der Roseni 11.45-1.00am A Jazz New Year.

192,4-94.5MHz FM 198MHz LW) 6.00am News Briefing. 6.10 Something Understood. 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers.

7.15 On Your Farm. 7.40 Sunday. 8.50 The Waek's Good Cause. 8.55 Weather. 9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 9.15 Letter from America. 9.30 Morning Service.

10.15 The Archers.
11.15 Mediumwave.
11.45 Foreign Correspondence:
Cape Town. (3/5).

12.15 Desert Island Discs. 12.55 Weather. 12.55 Westner.
1.00 The World This Weekend.
1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 Gardenars' Question Time.
2.30 The Classic Serial: The Barchester Chronicles. (2/6).
3.30 Pick of the Year.
2.55 August the West In 24 Expense.

4.15 Around the World in 24 Frames. 5.00 News: La Mia Italia. (4/4). 5.30 Poetry Please! 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 Sb. D'Clock News

6.15 Letters from Ireland. (4/6). 6.30 Anthony Trollope, The Chronicier of Barsetshire. 7.00 Children's BBC Radio 4: Tales from the Perilous Realm. (1/6). 7,30 A Good Read. 8.00 (FM) The Player. Brand's

8.00 (LW) Suenos - World Spanish. 8.30 (FM) Strong Impress 8.45 (LW) New Francophonie. 9.00 (FM) Navrongo Story. 9.15 (LW) Short Stories in French: Monsreur Maurice by Colette. 9.30 (FM) Please Leave a Message

after the Bleep. 9.30 (LW) Writer's Weekly. (1/5). 10.00 News. 10.15 Syncopation. 10.45 Uisge-Beatha 500. 11.15 Memores of a Childhood on

Choice

Harold Pinter (left) stars in The Proust Screenplay (8.20pm R3) a new adaptation of his unfilmed script for a film of A la recherche du temps perdu, broadcast as part programmes on the theme of Remembering and Forgetting

the Veldt. 11.45 Seeds of Faith. 12.00 News. 12.30 The Late Story: A Goose for

12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service. Radio 5

t63, 999tb WM 6.05am Straight Up 6.30 Julian Worricker at Breakfast 9.05 Sunday with Mair 11.35 Pioneers and Presiwith Mair 11.35 Pioneers and Presidents 12.00 Midday Edition 12.15
The Big Byte 1.05 Hold the Front
Page 1.35 You Cannot Be Serious!
2.35 The Back Page of 95 3.05
When the Seguils Follow the Trawter
4.05 Jurgen Klinsmann's Europe
6.05 Jim and the Doc 7.00 News
Extra 7.35 The Acid Test 8.05 Head
to Head 8.35 Word Up! 9.00 Dailyn
Worldwide 10.05 Out This Week
11.00 Night Extra 11.35 Spaced
Out 12.05 Nightcalf 2.05 Up All
Night 5.05-6.00am Island Line

Classic FM

(MASSIC PM (MOL-10198t-Ril) 6.00am Sarah Lucas 9.00 Classic Romance 12.00 Celebrity Choice 1.00 Alar Mann 3.00 Paul McCart-ney and Friends 4.15 Robert Booth 7.00 The Best of Book Browse 8.00 John Julius 10.00 Live at the Liverpool Philharmonic 12.15 An-dre Leon 4.00-6.00am Best of Celebrity Choice Celebrity Choice

Virgin Radio (1215, 1197-1260Mg MW 105,8MMg FM) 1215, 1197-125080 WW 100,8800 RW 6.00am Janey Lee Grace 10.00 Graham Dene 2.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Mitch Johnson 10.00 Gary Davies 2.00-6.00am John Hipper

(1984tr US)
1.00 World News 1.10 Press Review 1.15 Red Dwarf 1.30 Anything Goes 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Composer of the Month 3.00 World News 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Jazz for the Asking 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Off the Shelf: Peter Pan 4.45 Red Dwarf 5.00 Newsday 5.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music

Satellite

7.00am Hour of Power (52257). 8.00 Ghoul-tested (65412). 8.00 Bump in the Night (65412). 8.30 Co-nan the Warnor (64783). 9.00 X-Men (55035). 9.30 Ghoufish Tales (73)1122). 9.50 The Perfect Family (1115306). 10.00 Power Rangers (11108). 10.30 Shoot: (51219).

11.00 Wild West Contops of Moo Mesa (56257). 11.00 Postcards from the Hedge (56257). 11.30 Teerage Mutant Hero Turties (22236). 12.00 Incedible Dennis (3777344). 12.40 Dynamo Duck (7416580). 1.00 The Dynamo Duck (7416580). 1.00 The Hit Mis. (72290). 2.00 The Dukes of Hazzard (61667). 3.00 Star Tirek: Volyager (88892). 4.00 WWF Action Zone (93219). 5.00 Great Escapes (2509). 5.30 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (3967). 6.00 The Simpsons (92054). 7.00 Beverly Hills 90210 (33325). 8.00 Star Tirek: Volyager (42073). 9.00 Highlander (39509). 10.00 The Birchbuster Entertainment 10.00 The Blockbuster Entertainment Awards (56293), 12.00 She Wolf of London (4529333), 12.50 Sibs (9155468), 1.20 Sunday Comics (1877130), 2.00-6.00am Hit Mix

SXY MOVIES 6.00am Showcase (38290), 8.00 A Woman Rebels (1936) (29257).

Long Play (6169130).

10,00 To My Daughter (1991) (88851), 12,00 Call of the Wild (1993) (11180), 2,00 Death on the Nule (1978) (95312325), 4,25 Surf Ninjas (1993) (36971290), 6.00 Born Yesterday (1993) (36412), 8.00 Calendar Girl (1993) (48257). 10,00 Intersection (1994) (6382191, 11,40 The Move Show (981967), 12,10 All Shook Up! (1993) (2924994). 1.40 Hoffa (1992) (15619826). 4.00-6.00am Born Yesterday (1993) (44352).

MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00am Cinderfella (1960) (36832), 8.00 Rockin' with Judy Jetson (27899), 10.00 No Man of Her Own (1950) (86493), 12.00 Ner Cwin (1993) (11162).
2,00 Kidz in the Wood (1994) (11290). 4,00 Thumbelina (1994) (14290). 4,00 Thumbelina (1994) (78699219). 5,45 The Living Daylights (1987) (68314035). 8,00 Last Action Hero (1993).

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(31/49290) 10.15 Germina (1995) (22601946) 12.55 Rub-down (1993) (305623) 2.30 The Mighty Quinn (1989) (160130). 4.10-6.00am Cinderfella (1960) SIN MONES GOLD 12.00moon Heller in Pink Tights (1960) (99615), 2.00 Km (1950) (12870), 4.00 Love is a Many-Spiendored Thing (1955) (1290) 6.00 The Trouble with Harry (1955) (24126). 8.00 Star Wars (1977) (74621). 10.00 Commando (1985) (827141). 11.40 Conan the Barbanan (1982) (50852257), 1.50-3.20am Red Son-

ja (1985) (1890888). UK GOLD 7.00am Give Us A Clue (1196986). 7.30 Going for Gold (8463219). 7.55 Spring and Autumn (8471238). B.25 And Mother Makes Five (8883702) 8.55 When the Boat Comes In (1666219). 9.55 Pink Panther (2827238). 9.55 Prik Parther (2827238).
10.05 Dr Who and the invisible Enemy (12119561). 12.00 Doctor at the Top (9649325). 12.30 It Ain't Haif Hot, Murn (1589986). 1.00 Waterstup Down (97918412). 2.45 The Bill Ornnibus (19830561).
5.10 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (4949764). 6.10 Dad's Army (5.173696). 7.25 Riesel

(54732696), 7.25 Bread (72798035), 8.30 Carry on Camp-ing (16425764), 10.20 The Boo Monkhouse Show (93560236). 11.30 Special Branch (4677219). 12.35 Take Me Home (76435913). 1.45 Scotch 'n' Why (3850739). 2.30-7.00am Shopping (9644265).

STROGE YAR sat shuris 7.00am Watersports World (81783). 8.00 Urk's Strongest Man (82412). 9.00 Cricket (50141). 11.00 Rugby Umor Update (74219). 12.00 Goals on Sunday (80770). 1.30 World Soc-cer (196771. 2.00 Darts (512783). 5.00 Powerboat World (1835). 5.30 Social Time (2492). 6.00 Larbos Snowboard Tour (2493), 6.00 Jacks Stewart's Celebrity Special (27325). 7.00 Golf (3976783) 11.00 Dans (5032180), 2.30 Jackie Stewarts Celebrity Special (76333), 3.30-4.30am Sports Unlimited (88178).

SKY SPORTS Z 7.00am Soccer Extra (5240851) 7,00am Soccer Edita (52-40-651) 11,00 Sports Unfirmited (782-838-8), 12,00 Trans World Sport (2872-832), 1,00 Bourg Special (9773-238), 3,00 World Pro Stating (82-06-43), 5,00 With Football (253-36-15), 8,30 Staff Saling (482-5986), 9,00 Goals on Sunday (163-83-44), 10,30 World Pro Gurus Swetter (7602-403), 12,30,

Figure Skating (7692493), 12.30-1.00am Max Out (3445555).

FURDSPORT
7.30am Alpine Skiing (43967). 8.30
Ski Jurrigung (46122). 10.00 AR
Sports (72851). 11.00 Ice Hockey
(522035). 1.30 Broung (20306).
3.00 Denoring (29580). 4.30 Figure
Skaing (568702). 7.00 AR Sports
(6967). 7.30 Aerobics (92513). 8.30
Rally Raid (4122). 9.00 Sumo
(83344). 11.00 Boxing (73580).
12.00-12.30am Rally Raid (32371). 12.00-12.30am Rafly Rard (32371).

Pastimes

Chess William Hartston

Let us end the year by Nc6 4 d4 exd4 5 Nxd4 Bc7 21 Qd1 Nxb3 22 Qxb3 Bc2 remembering the four fine 6 e4 0-0 7 Be2 Bb4 8 f3 d6 players who died during 1995. 9 Be3 Qe7 10 Qd2 Ne5 Here is one game by each of

Sir Stuart Milner-Barry (1906-95): gambiteer and

gentleman. Milner-Barry-Mieses, Margate 1935: 1 e4 Nc6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 dxe4 4 d5 Ne5 5 f3 exf3 6 Nxf3 Nxf3+ 7 Qxf3 Nfo 8 Bf4 a6 9 h3 g6 10 g4 Bg7 11 0-0-0 Bd7 12 Og3 Rc8 13 Be2 0-0 14 h4 c6 15 h5 Nxd5 16 hxg6 Bxc3 17 Qh4 Níó 18 g3 Qa5 19 gxf6 h5 20 gxf7+ Kxf7 21 Bxh5+ 1-0

Harry Golombek (1911-95) Three times British Champion and prolific writer on all aspects of the game.

Golombek-Krogins, Warsaw 1935: 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e5 3 NB 11 0-0 Be6 12 a3 Ba5 13 b4 Bb6 14 Nd5 Nxd5 15 exd5 Bd7 16 Rfe1 a5 17 Nc2 Bxe3+ 18 Oxe3 Oh4 19 Od4 Qxd4+ 20 Nxd4 Rfe8 21 Kf2 Kf8 22 c5 b6 23 c6 Bc8 24 Nb5 Re7 25 f4 Ng6 26 Bf3 Rxe1 27 Rxe1 Nxf4 28 Nxc7 Nd3+ 29 Kg3 Nxe1 30 Nxa8

Lev Polugayevsky (1934-95) Soviet champion and world title candidate. Najdorf-Polugayevsky, Mar

del Plata 1971: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 0-0 5 Bd3 e5 6 Nf3 d5 70-0 dxc4 8 Bxc4 Nc6 9 Bd3 cxd4 10 exd4 Be7 11 a3 a6 12 Bc2 b5 13 Od3 Bh7 14 Re1 g6 15 Bh3 Re8 16 Bh6 Re8 17 Ba2 h4 18 Ne2

Na5 19 Nf4 b3 20 Bxb3 Bc4 Qxf1 + 28 Rxf1 Rb1 + 0-1.

Ng7 Bh3 26 Qb1 Red8 27 Nf5 gxf5 28 Rxe7 Nxh6 29 Qd3 Off 30 Ra7 Bc4 31 Od2 Bd5 32 Ne5 Ng4 33 Qf4 Bxe5 34 dxe5 Qg6 35 g3 Be4 36 Re1 Rd3 37 e6 Qxe6 0-1

23 Qa2 Ng4 24 Nxe6 Qb6 25

Mikhail Botvinnik: (1911-95) World champion 1948-57; 1958-60; 1961-63. Master axb4 31 axb4 b5 32 Be4 1-0. strategist

Goglidze-Botvinnik, Moscow 1935: 1 d4 Nfo 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 cxd5 Nxd5 6 Qb3 Nxc3 7 bxc3 0-0 8 c3 c5 9 Be2 Qc7 10 0-0 b6 11 a4 Nc6 12 Qa3 Na5 13 Nd2 Bh7 14 Nb3 exd4 15 exd4 Ne4 16 Ob4 Rfc8 17 a5 c5 18 axb6 Nxb6 19 Na5 Bd5 20 Bb2 Bf8 21 Qb5 a6 22 Qd3 e4 23 Qb1 Qc2 24 Ba3 Bxa3 25 Rxa3 Qxe2 26 Qxb6 Rab8 27 Qd6

Bridge Alan Hiron

Game all; dealer North North **♦**K4 01043 ◆AKQ3

East ◆A753 ♥K 10 6 71943 **♦**0195 ♣J S **+**10742 South **♦QJ10982** ΥAQ

Quite the best bridge book that I have read for some time is Dormer on Deception. Albert Dormer, whether on his own

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Reesc. is one of our most lucid writers. Take this simple example from his chapter in "Influences in the Middle Game"

mum opening by rebidding One No-Trump. South invited game with a jump to Three Spades and, with his prime cards. North accepted. West led the ace of diamonds against Four Spades and East signalled with his

queen. West continued with the king and another diamond, which South ruffed. Declarer started on trumps but East held off until the third

second round West petered heavily by discarding the nine of hearts. Now East switched to the ten of hearts.

The question posed was

North opened One Club, whether declarer should fi-South responded One Spade. nesse the queen of hearts or and North suggested a minirely on an even break in clubs for his tenth trick. Seeing all four hands you know the answer, but why should you find it at the table? As Albert points out, East's

play of the queen of diamonds on the first trick marks him with the jack, If West had held the king of hearts, he would assuredly have led a low diamond (not the king) to put his partner in for an immediate heart return, giving declarer or as co-author with Terence round before winning. On the no option but to finesse.

5-reanglay. Pinter's dramatisacon of Marcel Proust's Remem-10.55 They're Coming to Take You



World Service

Saturday Television and Radio

RECOMMENDED VIEWING

Film choice

by James Rampton

When it was recently re-released, the scene in Spartacus (2.20pm BBC2) that caused the most comment was the steamy bath-house encounter between Laurence Olivier and Tony Curtis. Of course, there's much more to Stanley Kubrick's threehour Roman orgy of entertainment than that - not least the famous sequence in which the hero's comrades try to protect him by claiming, "I'm Spartacus!" Kirk Douglas is at his most chiselled as the gladiator who leads a slave

army uprising.

Hoop Dreams (8.40pm BBC2) was the first documentary to be screened as the closing-night film at the New York Film Festival. Steve James, Frederick Marx and Peter Gilbert's account of two



Kirk Douglas at his most chiselled

their Chicago inner-city ghetto and become professional basketball players, certainly merits those accolades. The extraordinary SFX sequence in which tourist David Naughton watches

his body metamorphose into that of a wolf after being bitten by a werewolf on the Yorkshire Moors, is reason enough to watch An American Werewolf in London (10pm C4). John Landis's horror film, however, has much else to commend it - particularly its wickedly black sense of humour. Watch for the deliciously macabre scene in which the corpses of Naughton's slaughtered pal Griffin Dunne and other werewolf victims appear next to him in a Soho cinema urging him to commit suicide. Try to forget the horrific scenes of werewolf attack in the tunnels of the London Underground, or you'll never be able to commute happily to work again. Also, you'll never be able to hear "Bad Moon Rising" on the radio without a shiver.

Television choice by Gerard Gilbert

the film industry's many attempts to find a format that would get viewers away from their tellies and back into the movie theatres. Moving Pictures: the Reality Trip (6.05pm BBC2) is a fascinating transit through Source Cinerance. nating trawi through 'Scope, Cinerama, 3-D and now IMAX - pointing out that formats could inspire whole cycles of movies. Hence all those biblical epics from the 1950s - something had to fill

those huge 70mm frames.

Bookmark (7.05pm BBC2) has a breakneck, centenary trawl through Robert Graves's personal life, proving once again that repression of any kind can create high art - in this case sexual satirical exploration, through Ralph

(() ood for snakes and funerals, but repression as represented by all nothing else," was Fritz Lang's those unobtainable "muses" with opinion of CinemaScope, one of which Graves complicated an already

> is a repeat, but also something of a cult classic - a hilarious account of how the cane toad, introduced into Australia in 1935 to eliminate a plague of beetles, is now assuming plague proportions itself. No natural enemies, you see, except drunk Australians in their

> motor cars. On a broadly similar theme. The Beast Bites Back (7.15pm C4) is a



Plant prepares to remite with Page

Steadman drawings, of the possibility that the beasts will inherit the earth, while Unphaged (12.20am BBC2) witnesses the reunion of former Led Zeppelin kingpins Robert Plant and Jimmy Page. Air guitars to the ready.

BBC₁

7.25 News; Weather (5994943).
7.30 Children's BBC: SuperTed. 7.35 The Artbox
Burich. 7.50 Iznogoud. 8.05 Peter Pan and the

Pirates.
8.30 The New Adventures of Superman (R) (S)

9.15 Live and Kicking (S) (84506943).

12.12 Weather (8001301). 12.15 Grandstand. 12.20 Football Focus 1.00 News Summary 1.05 Racing From Newbury: 1.10 The Rocking Horse Nursery Handicap Hurdle. 1.20 Athletics: the County Durham International Cross-Country, 1.35 Racing From Newbury: 1.40 The Challow Hurdle, 1.50 Athletics: the County Durham International Cross-Country, 2.10 Racing From Newbury: 2.15 The Ladbroke Gold Cup Handicap Steeplechase. 2.25 Athletics: Coverage of the County Durham International Cross-Country. 2.55 Rugby League: the first semi-final of the Regal Trophy. 3.45 Football Half-Times 3.55 Rugby League: second-half. 4.40 Final Score (37177092).

5.20 News; Weather (6136905). * 5.30 Local News; Weather (345363). 5.35 Dad's Army (R) (815566). * 6.05 Jim Davidson's Generation Game (S) (702450). * 7.00 The Gotcha Hall of Fame. Cheap space-filling repeats of celebrity humiliations from Noel's House

Party (SI (280108). 7.50 The National Lottery Live. It could be Carnelot (S) (985585). 8.05 Casualty. Bogus paramedics and bag thieves (S)

8.55 News; Sport; Weather. Then National Lottery Update (291943). * 9.15 THE Only the Lonely (Chris Columbus 1991 US). Romantic comedy with an edge, written by the director. John Candy is a Chicago cop struggling to break free from his stifling mother (Maureen O'Hara's comeback role) and get somewhere with mortuary cosmetician Ally Sheedy (S)

10.55 Match of the Day. Highlights from the FA Carling Premiership, including West Ham vs Newcastle and Manchester United vs Queens Park Rangers. Plus a round-up of other Premiership action (S)

12.00 They Think It's All Over. Thursday's football frolics (S) (9682702).

12.40 ELLA Carry on Abroad (Gerald Thomas 1972 UK). Top-notch double entendre as Sid James, Kenneth Williams, Charles Hawtrey, Joan Sims, Barbara Windsor and Hattie Jacques head for the Costa del Sol (3454239).

2.05 Weather (8444054). To 2.10am REGIONS, Wales: 4.55pm Wales on Saturday 5.30 Wales on Saturday. Scot: 4.40pm Afternoon Sportscene 5.30 Reporting Scotland 10.55 Sportscene - Match of the Day, NI: 5.30pm

BBC2

6.55 FIRST Le Cinéma des Pêches (Gabriel Gonnot 1989 Fr). Documentary tracing the history and characters of early French cinema. In French with

English subtitles (6921566).

7.45 See Windbag the Sailor (William Beudine 1936
UK). Fantasist gets caught up in real-life sea-going dramas. Cornedy with the sublime Will Hay

(4648634). 9.05 Forbidden Cargo (Harold French 1954 UK).
The good lads in Customs and Excise stop nefarious Froggie dope smugglers. Stars Nigel

Patrick (7974585). 10.30 The Voyage of Charles Darwin (R) (90943). 11.30 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures - Planet Earth, an Explorer's Guide. Dr James Jackson draws on evidence from sunken cities and sea shells found high in mountain ranges to explain what happens when continents stretch and collide (S) (76740).

12,30 The Power Behind the Image (S) (3153740). 1.10 Animal Farm (John Halas/Joy Batchelor 1955 UK). Spot-on animated Orwell with voices

from Maurice Denham (7863635). * 2.20 Spartacus (Stanley Kubrick 1960 US). Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis take off their shirts and spark a slave rebellion against those arrogant Romans, Terrific epic weepie with Laurence Olivier, Jean Simmons and Charles Laughton. (47281092). *

5.20 Schumacher. Michael Schumacher and colleagues

review his Formula One career (5797924).
6.05 Moving Pictures Special: The Reality Trip. Visual innovations in mass entertainment (611634). * 7.05 Bookmark. A celebration of Robert Graves - his

muses and all that (S) (905905). 8.05 The Young Ones. Ade calls Rik a complete and utter bastard (R) (876295). *

8.40 The Hoop Dreams (Steve James 1994 US). Don't give this a miss, even though it is about basketball. Ace documentary following the pains and triumphs of black American high-school boys as they chase stardom. Wrong words like "intelligent" and "poignant" from the poisoned pens of the critics. (S) (28700905). *

11.30 Tx. Survival Research Laboratories, which stages shows in which huge robots built from industrial rubbish rip each other apart (S) (592943). *

12.20 Unplugged - Page and Plant. The boys from Led Zeppelin reunite for an acoustic set with Porl Thompson from the Cure on banio, an Egyptian string and percussion ensemble, and the London Metropolitan Orchestra (S) (3951764).

1.30 Fish Helizapoppin (H C Potter 1941 US). Corking, off-the-wall stage-to-screen musical which revolutionised the bounds within which comedy was allowed to appear on screen. Still holds its own. Stars Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson (2821035)

2.50 Weatherview (5771696). To 3.00am.

ITV/London

6.00 GMTV. 6.10 Re:Wind. 6.40 Tom and Jerry Kids. 7.10 Barney and Friends. 7.45 Saturday Disney. The presenters find themselves in Bombay

(8045092). 9.25 Bugs Burny's 1001 Rabbit Tales. Bugsy tackles the Arabian Nights. Co-stars Daffy Duck, Tweetie Pie and Sylvester (7015837).

10.40 Stand Disney's Tiger Town (Alan Shapiro 1983 US). A young baseball fan gets involved with a fading star. They learn from each other. The usual, starring Roy Scheider (5327214). 11.30 The Chart Show (R) (S) (70566).

12.30 Movies, Games and Videos (21150). 1.00 News; Weather (26523189). * 1.05 Local News; Weather (26515160). *
1.10 European Cub Rugby – the Heineken Cup. Both semi-finals in the Heineken European Cup, a rugby union club contest. Live coverage of Leinster vs

Cardiff and highlights of Toulouse vs Swansea

(11014127). 4.45 News; Sports Results; Weather (1225295). * 5.05 Local News; Sport; Weather (3079585). * 5.15 New Baywatch. Mitch takes a vacation – presumably somewhere dry and inland - and

ritnesses an attempted murder (S) (7517837), * 6.05 Gladiators: The Ashes Great Britain vs Australia (S) (608160).

7.05 Blind Date. Including Lottery Result (S) (932059), 1

8.05 It'll Be Airight on the Night 8. Actor fluffs lines (snigger) (R) (160011). *

 9.05 Jack Dee's Saturday Night. Seal, comedian Greg Proops (S) (434769). 9.50 News; Lottery Update; Weather, Local Weather (716943). *

10.05 FIEM Desperate Hours (Michael Cimino 1990 US). Prison escapee holds family hostage. Lesser remake of a pretty iffy Sogart vehicle starring Mickey Rourke, Anthony Hopkins and Mirni Rogers

rs) (383108). 12.00 Danielle Steel's Changes (Charles Jarrott US). New York TV journalist wears glitzy clothes and falls in love with a rich man from LA. Chervi Ladd proves herself queen of the mini-series

1.50 Rick Wakeman's New Gospels. Rick Wakeman in his New Gospels from Peel Castle, Isle of Man (6876685).

2.50 ELEM Eyewitness (John Hough 1970 UK) A boy is the sole witness to an assassination. Funnily enough, his family don't believe him. Passable thriller with Mark Lester and Lionel Jeffries (163702).

4.35 GUM Clancy Street Boys (William Beaudine 1943 US) More Bowery Boys capers. A Texan uncle turns up with his seven children in tow (7871388). 5.55 News (1397615).To 6.00am.

Channel 4

7.05 Ovide (R) (4679382).
7.15 The Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog (R) (2295740).

7.40 Wowser (R) (5900160). 8.00 Trans World Sport (98653).

9.00 The Morning Line. Nags of the day (S) (3728672). 9.50 Gazzetta Football Italia (3269672).

10.45 Blitz! (5890189). 11.50 SEEM Knute Rockne, All American (Lloyd Bacon 1940 US). Bog-standard sporting biopic starring Pat O'Brien and Ronald Reagan (46343672). 1.40 Pigeon Summer. In 1930s Shropshire, a girl

decides to race her father's pigeons. Starring Emily Dawe. Then Beastly Xmas: The X Mas Files: Botticelli's Donkey from the Mystic Nativity (S)

(6599127).

2.50 Stan Sunrise (F W Murnau 1927 US). A farmer tries to kill his wife for the sake of a City harpie, but repents in time. Four-Oscar-winning melodrama starring George O'Brien, Jane Gaynor and Margaret Livingstone (53228127).

4.35 Australia Wild (S) (1994382). * 5.05 Brookside Omnibus (R) (S) (7220059). * 6.30 Granpa, Animation (943).

7.00 News Summary; Weather (286566). * 7.15 The Beast Bites Back. Cartoonist Ralph Steadman shares his feelings about animals (384498).
8.00 Cane Toads, The story of a man-made disaster resulting from an attempt to control nature. In

1935, the Queensland government imported Cane toads to eradicate the Greyback beetle. They bred like Cane toads and threatened all wildlife except the Greyback beetle itself (R) (423092). *
8.55 The Call of the Beast. Tracking down the Beast of Bodmin (R) (S) (139276).

9.55 Joe's Apartment. Animation. Joe's cockroach friends want to help him enjoy a hot date (S)

(785108). 10.00 And American Werewolf in London (John Landis 1981 US). An American backpacker (John Naughton) is bitten by the wolf that kills his buddy and meets Jenny Agutter in hospital. They happily take showers together until the undead buddy

(Griffin Dunne) pops in to warn him about the next full moon (638160). **Bi The Fly** (Kurt Neumann 1958 US). The original, starring David Hedison as the scientist who messes in God's domain and lives to rue the

consequences. Quaint FX, but quite fun (944653). 1.35 Konga (John Lemont 1961 UK). Scientist injects chimp with growth serum. Silly boy (136257).

3.10 The Black Cat (Rob Green 1993 UK). Edgar Alian Poe yarn about madness and mogocide (S) (92372290).

3.30 The World of Hammer Mummies, werewolves and the living dead (R) (29528). To 4.00am.

ITV/Regions

AMELIA AS London except: 1.05pm Anglia News and Weather (2651,5160), 5.05 Anglia News. Sport and Weather (6159856), 1.45am The Panasonic Sound Blast Awards 1995 (732,1770), 2.40am Film: Face the Awards 1995 (7321770). 2 Autam Famil Face the Music. An American trumpeter, accused of murdering a female nightclub singst, is determined to find the killer and prove his immogence. Stars Alex Nicol (2307695). 4.10am ITV Sports Classics (1892257). 4.45-5.55am Film: Mr Mugge Rides

Again. East Skde Kids yern staming Leo Gorcey and Billy Benedict (3087677). TYME TEES/YORKSHIRE

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As London except: 1.05pm Regional News, Weather (26515160). 5.05 Regional News, Weather (6159856). 5.10 Tyre: Full Time (6141837). Yorks: Scoreline (6141837). 5.15 New Baywatch (7517837). 6.05 Galdators: The Ashes (608160). 2.50am Film: Riviera. Spy drama starring Ben Masters, Elyssa Davalos, Patrick Bauchau and Michel Lonsdale (160580). 4.30em Yorks: The Three Caballeros. Disney pastiche mibring live action and animation, with all things Latin American seen through the eyes of Donald Duck. (6421847). 4.40am Tyre: The Three Caballeros (3088306). 5.50-5.55am Profile (1398344).

Nas London except: 1.05pm Central News and Weather (26515160). 5.05 Central News and Weather (6159856). 5.10 Central Match - Goals Extra (3076498). 5.20 New Baywatch (5700498). 4.35-5.55am Film: Clancy Street Boys (7871388).

As London except: 12.30pm West: Roadrunner (21160), 1.05 Regional News, Weather (26515160), 5.05 Regional News, Weather (6159856), 9.50-10:00pm West: News and Weather (7169-43).

As London except: 1.05pm Meridian News and Weather (26515160). 5.05 Meridian News and

Weather (2031-3100). 3.05 Mentulan News and Weather (6159856). 1,45am The Panasonic Sound Blast Awards 1995 (7321770). 2,40am Film: Face the Music (2307696). 4,10am film: Mr Mug-Cassics (1892257). 4,45-5,55am Film: Mr Muggs Rides Again. A fockey is suspended after be-ing framed by crooked gamblers, but redeems himself by carching the culprits. Stars Leo Gorcey, Huntz Hall, Billy Benedict and Johnny Duncan (3087677).

WESTCOBATEY -As London except: 1.05pm Westcountry News, e (265*15160*), 5.05-5.15t

As C4 except: 8.00am Transworld Sport (98653). 9.50 The Wonderful World of Dogs (3269672). 1.40 Rygbi Ewrop: Owpen Heinelen (38492158). 3.35 Pigeon Summer (8551295). 4.35 289 Dakmations (1994382). 5.05 Brookside (7220059). 7.00 Newyddion Nos Satwrn (286566). 7.15 Cociir To (568295). 8.15 Hei Straeon (874108). 8.45 Bobi a Sami (833011). 9.45 Rory Bremner, Apparently (839295). 10.45 Whose Line is it Anyway? (886943). 11.15-11.50pm Glam-O-Rama (225769).

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Radio 1

497 5 59 SMILE FM 8.00am Kevin Greening 11.00 Danny Baker 2.00 Jo Whiley 5.00 John Peel: Festive 50 - Part 2 7.00 Lovegroove Dance Party with Danny Rampling 9.00 Padio 1 Rap Show 12.00 Essential Miss Judge Jules 2.00 Annie Nightingale's Chill Out Zone 4.00-8.00am Clive Warren

6.00am Mo Dulta 8.05 Brian Matthew 10.00 Judi Spiers 12.00 Hayes on 95 1.30 Change at Oglethorpe 2.00 Martin Kelner on Saturday 4.00 Nick Barracicugh 5.00 Happy Birthday Han-na! 5.00 A Viper's Tale 7.00 Comedy Classics 7.30 Lesley Garrett and Friends 9.30 David Jacobs 10.00 Sheridan Morley 12.05 Charles Nove 4.00-6.00am Mo Dutta

Radio 3

7.00am Record Review, Mactain and the Flood Monteverdi: Hor che'l ciel (Madngals, 8k 8i, Remecke: Wind Octet, Op 216, Leroy An-Plank, Plunk; Blue Tango Beethoven: Violin Sonata in G. Op 96. Conizetti: Povero Ernesto! .. Cerchem fontana terra (Don Pasquale). Delius-Over the Hills and Far Away 9.00 Critics' Choice 1995. 10.20 Record Release. Wagner:

Overture: Rienzi, Jose de Torres: Mas no puerde ser. Marwell Davies, Cross Lane Fair, Robert White: Magnificat, Schubert: 12 German Dances (D790): Allegretto in C minor (D915). Borodin: Prince Igor (Act 1, excerpt). 12.00 Private Passions, with

guest Elvis Costello. 1.00 News; Layer by Layer. (1/5). 1.25 The BBC Orchestras/BBC Nabonal Orchestra of Nales/Tadaaki Otaka, Peter Dononce (piano), Dvorak: Overture: Carnival, Grieg: Pl and Concerto. Dvorak: Symphony No 9 (From the New

2.50 Britten October Festival at Snape. A concert from the 1994 festival. Britten: Canticle (III- Still Falls the Rain, Milquintet. Poulenc. Elegie for

Choice

last year - presumably with somé relief that he's actually got through it as Prime James Naughtie for Today (7am R4). Layer by Layer (1pm R3) looks even further back, at traces of the first humans to inhabit Britain.

piano and wind. 4.10 Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra/Christoph von Dohnanyi, Brahms, orch Schoenberg: Quartet, Op 25. 5.00 Jazz Record Requests. With Geothev Smith.

5.45 The Homecoming. A final programme of songs by Holst, including his setting of Hardy's The Homecoming. 5.00 Collective and Conscious. 6.30 Live from the Met: The Queen of Spades. Tchaikovsky's tragic opera.

based on a short story by Pushkin. Gegam Gngonan (tenor). Maria Guleghina (soprano). Leonie Rysanek (mezzo), Birgitta Svenden (contralto), Nikolai Pulitin (bantone), Dmitri Hvorostovsky (baritone), Metropolitan Opera Chorus and Orchestra/Valery Gergrev. /7.40-8.05 Interval talk.) Act 2. (9.10-9.30 The

Igratus Sancho. Written by Leonora Brito and read by Don 10.45-1.00am London Jazz Festival. The sarophonist Wayne Shorter recorded in

tury coet and musician

Radio 4 (32.4-34 保証 [基 1938年19] 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today 6.50 Prayer for the Day.

9.00 (LW) Test March Special

Coverage of the final day's play in the Fourth Test at St George's Park, Port Elizabeth.

9.00 (FM) News

cert at the Royal Festival Hall, London. 5.50am Bells on Sunday. From St Paul's Cathedral.

7.00 Today. John Major Interviewed 8.58 Weather

John Major looks back at the Minister – in an interview with

9.30 (FM) Breakaway. 10.00 (FM) News; Loose Ends. 11.00 (FM) News; The Modern Mag. Bishop of Monmouth Rowan Williams, astronomer Heather CouperTand Paul Valtely of The Independent contin-ue their trek across the Syrian

11.30 (FM) From Our Own Corre-12.00 (FM) Money Box. Presented by Alison Mitchell. 12.25 (FM) News Quiz of the Year. Barry Took a compilation of the strangest and funniest stories from the News Quiz year. (2/2). 12.55 (FM) Weather.

1.00 (FM) News. 1.10 (FM) Our Next Question, Please. Jonathan Dimbleby looks back over a year of Any 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 (FM) News; Toady, Grovel

10.25 Blessed Times for a Blacky Grocer. The story of 18th-cen-2.00 (LW) Test Match Special. 2.30 (FM) Saturday Playhouse: Seaton's Aunt. 4.00 News; Strong Impressions Sir Roy Strong visits Norwich. 4.30 Science Now. Peter Evans and guests discuss the best

cience books of 1995.

5.00 Tumpty-Tumpty-Tumpty-5,40 Queenan Country. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weathe 6,00 Srx O'Clock News. 6.25 Year Ending, Satincal news review of 1995. 6.50 Ad Lio.

Joseph O'Connor meets a group of up-and-coming Dublin 7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Death of an Ugly Sister. 9.20 Music in Mind. 9.50 Ten to Ten.

10.00 News. 10.15 Stanza on Stage.

Nicholas visits the home of author Jilly Copper, (5/6), 11.30 A Landscape Painter. Henry James's romantic drama. 12.00 News. 12.30 The Late Story: Christmas Present. By Maeve Binchy. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service.

10.45 Philosophy Figures: Plato.

11.00 Personal Records, Jeremy

Radio 5 型3,98时 明 6.05am Dirty Tackle 6.30 Peter Allen at Breakfast 9.05 Weekend

with Kershaw and Whittake 11.05 Top Gear 11.35 Ploneers and Presidents 12.00 Midday Edition 12.15 Sportscall 1.05 Sport on Five 6.06 Six-O-Six 7.35 Straight Up 8.05 The Garne's Up 8.35 Dallyn on Saturday 10.05 The Treatment 11.00 Night Extra 11.35 Spaced Out 12.05 After Hours 2.00 Up All Night 5.00-6.00am Morning Reports

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6.00am Sarah Lucas 9.00 Classic Countdown 1995 12.00 Clas-Sic Gardening Forum. From the Gardeners Royal Benevolent So ety near Brighton. 1.00 Alan Mann 3.00 The Saturday Alten tive 5.00 Classic America 7.00 lia Bartoli – Portrait of a Wonder. Recorded at the 1995 Lucerne Festival, 10.00 Classic Quiz 12.00 Andre Leon 4.00 Classic Countdown 5.00-5,00am Michael Fanstone

(1215, 1197-1260lub MW 105 800b FM) 6.00am Janey Lee Grace 10.00 Paul Coyte 2.00 Mark Forrest (including Virgin Crunchie Album Chart) 6.00 Milch Johnson 10.00 Howard Pearce 2.00-

1.00 World News 1.10 Press Re-

view 1.15 Early Visions 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.20 Kaleidoscope Feature. 1.50 Write On 2.00 Newsda 2.30 The Ed Stewart Show 3.00 World News 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Fourth Estate 3.45 Science View 3.50 Wave ide 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Short Story 4.45 The Multitrack Sessions 5.00 Newsday 5.30 in

Satellite

7.00am Postcards from the Hedge (45301). 7.00 Wild West Cowboys of Moo Mesa (1968498). 7.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1433943). 8.00 Incredible Dennis (6605407). 8.40

Dynamo Duck (6851837), 9.00 Ghoul-Lashed (50108), 9.00 Bump in the Night (50108). 9.30 Conan the Warrior (85382). 10.00 X-Men (16301), 10.30 Ghoulish Tales (8907295), 10.50 The Perfect Family (1257450). 11.00 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (98382), 11.30 Shoot (99011), 12.00 WWF Mania 3500: (99017). 12:00 WYF Walling (75905). 1:00 The Hit Mix (84653). 2:00 Wonder Woman (17030). 3:00 Growing Pains (4547). 3:30 Family Ties (7127). 4:00 Kung Fu, the Lagend Continues (89634). 5:00 The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles (8127), 6.00 WWF Superstars (71189), 7.00 Robocop (12450), 8.00 VR.5 (38498), 9.00 Cops (85818). 9.30 The Serial Killers (76634). 10.00 Dream On (64301) (765.34). 10,00 Dream On (64301). 10.30 Tates from the Crypt (40721). 11.00 The Movre Show (80363). 11.30 Forever Knight (83382). 12.30 WKRP in Cincinnati (66325). 1.00 Saturday Night Live (13493). 2.00-6.00am Hit Mox (7592677).

SXY MOVIES 6.00am Showcase (40653), 8.00 Nass Appeal (1984) (71522). 10.00 Digger (1993) (90214). 12.00 The Lon (1962) (98905). 2.00 Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide (1983) (35301). 4.00 Meteor Man (1993) (3059), 6,00 Digger (1993), Drama starring Adam Hann-Byrd and Joshua Jackson (22837). 8.00 That Night (1992). Drama starring C Thomas Howell and Juliette Lewis (27382). 10.00 Forcess (1994) (294740). 11.45 Midnight Confessions (1993) (777382). 1.05 Kickboxer III: The Art of War (1992) (9719412). 2.35 Blind Side (1993) (708770). 4.10-6.00em Agatha Christe's Sparkling Cyanide (1983) (952948).

MOVE CLANKE 6.00am Tarzan and His Mate (1934) (48295), 8.00 The Good, the Bad and Huckleberry Hound (1988) (71504). 10.00 Only When I Larl (1968) (98856). **12,00** Dennis (1993) (96547). **2,00** Bonenza: Under Attack (1995) (33943), 4,00 Heart and Souls (1993) (4301), 6,00 Touch of Truth (1994) (20479), 8.00 Dennis (1993), Live-action adaptation of the comic strip adventures. Stars Walter Mattheu (25924), 10.00 The Assassin (1993) (92108), 12,00 White Justice Sleeps (1994) (996290), 1,35 After Midnight (1989) (772073). 3.10-6.00am

Riberry Hill (1987) (77300783).

SKY MOVIES GOLD 4.00pm Mutiny on the Buses (1973) (3547), 6.00 The Odd Couple (1968) (39940276), 7.55 Can't Stop the Music (1980) (79082450), 10.00 Rambo III (1988) (481214), 11.50 Action Jackson (1988) (685540). 1.30-3.20am Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

(1958) (599702). 7.00am Give Us A Clue (1119214). 7.30 Going for Gold (8496547). 7.30 Going for Gold (8496547). 7.55 Warship (1933769). 8.55 Secret Army (45880127). 10.00 Neighbours Ornibus (1598634). 12.00 All Creatures Great and Small (5315818). Creatures Great and Small (5315818), 1.50 What a Carry On! (48956924), 2.20 EastEnders Ormbus (89847491). 5.00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (7596479), 6.00 George and Mildred (8133301), 6.30 'Alio 'Alio (2051189), 7.25 Eread (7265547), 7.30 'Alio 'Alio (4528437), 8.30 Home James (9676382), 9.15 Carrott's Lib (9450721), 1.0.10 Remo Unarmed and Daneerous routs Lib (9430721), 1045 No. 1045 No.

at Night (4573702). SIRY SPORTS SRT SPURIS
7.00am Gillette World Sport Special
(55189), 7.30 Racing News (77924).
8.00 International Cricket: South
Africa v England (5135837), 3.30
Sports Saturday (59214), 5.00 NFL –
Wild Card Game (7523189), 8.30
Golf (877108), 11.30 International
Cricket Highlights (18818), 1.302.30am Watersports World (25073).

SKY SPORTS 2 7.00am Soccer AM (5280479). 11.00 WWF Raw (3523176). 12,00 Watersports World 12.00 Watersports World (2805160). 1.00 Jackie Stewart's Celebrity Challenge (2821108). 2.00 Rugby Union (1085301). 4.30 WDC World Darts Championships (3232276). 11.00 Rugby Union Update (6573491). 12.00 World of Speed and Results (20532026). Speed and Beauty (3953035). 12.30-1.00am Max Out (8940054).

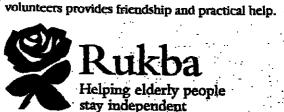
7.30am Eurofun (62092), 8.00 Bes-kethali (80924), 8.30 Alpine Skiing (49837), 10.00 Olympic Magazine (54585). 10.30 Alpine Sking (85289). 11.00 Alpine Sking (71740). 12.00 Motorsport (83011). 12.30 Truck Racing (69672), 1.30 Raily Raid (60302), 2.30 Equestrian rain/ rain (003011, 2.30 cquestran-ism (88011), 4.30 Ski Jumping (91653), 6.00 Boxing (17566), 7.00 Figure Strating (63721), 9.00 All Sports (72856), 10.00 Martial Arts (75943). 11,00 ice Hockey (69905). 12.00-12.30am international Motor-

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